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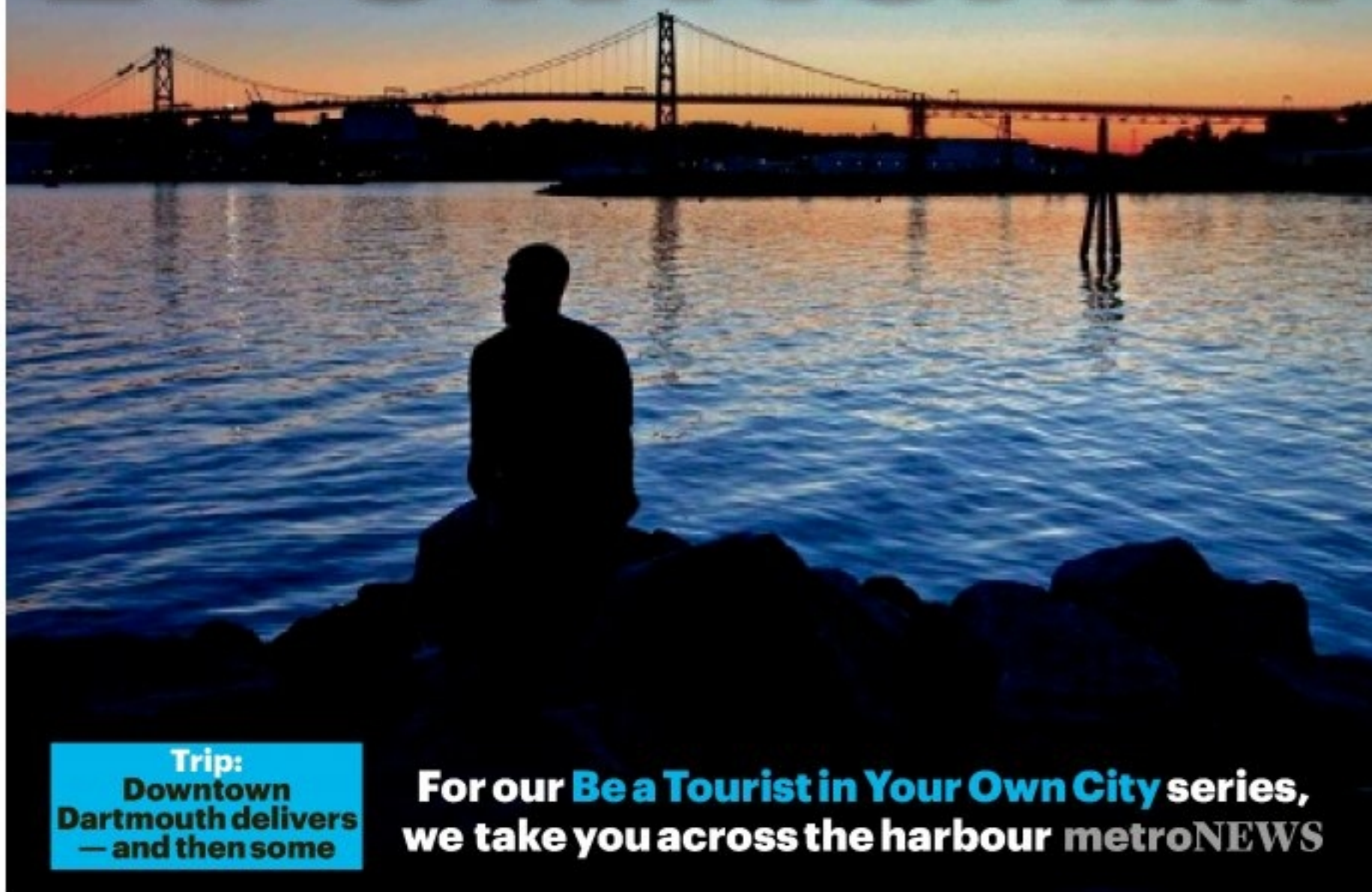


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## Seven and counting

NOVA CENTRE CONSTRUCTION

### Drala Books on Grafton Street latest to join lawsuit



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The lawyer representing seven downtown businesses taking legal action over the construction of the Nova Centre says the case will start to move forward this fall.

"We fully anticipate issuing our request for negotiations in the first couple weeks of September," Ray Wagner said on Wednesday. "We'll see what happens there and if not, we'll make our application to the (Utility and Review Board)."

Drala Books & Gifts on Grafton Street became the seventh business to retain Wagner's services on Wednesday.

Wagner said Drala — open

since 1996 selling "supplies for the contemplative lifestyle" like meditation cushions — has seen a drop of up to 80 per cent in foot traffic since construction began on the Nova Centre in 2013.

"They had been quite successful up until the time the Nova Centre started," he said. "It just got worse and worse, to the point where Gyprock was even falling off their walls in this store."

Earlier this summer, Wagner announced businesses including the Wooden Monkey and the Carleton Bar and Grill were seeking compensation for "injurious affection" caused by the construction.

The municipal, provincial and federal governments, and the developers have all received notice of legal action. If they aren't willing to negotiate, Wagner will apply through the Utility and Review Board for compensation under the Expropriation Act of Nova Scotia. Wagner said he expected six to 12 businesses to join the legal action.



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## Oscar buzz coming to Halifax

### ENTERTAINMENT

### Atlantic Film Fest launches program full of 'epic' stories



**Haley Ryan**  
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Halifax will soon see the curtain pulled back on films bound for Oscar buzz and offering "epic and unforgettable" stories.

The 36th annual Atlantic Film Festival (AFF), running Sept. 15-22, will bring more than 225 films, documentaries and shorts to the Oxford Theatre, Park Lane Mall, and the Rebecca Cohn Auditor-

ium as well as parties, a concert, industry talks, and more.

"People don't get the opportunity to see (movies) in the cinema much anymore. People are watching them on Netflix or streaming," AFF executive director Wayne Carter said Wednesday after the full program launch.

"(AFF) gives people the opportunity to cut through all the films that are out there and say 'OK, what are the best things that are happening?'"

After last year's excitement around Room and Brooklyn, two AFF selections that landed multiple Academy Award nominations, Carter said Manchester by the Sea and American Honey could follow that path.

Manchester by the Sea — the Closing Night Gala screening Sept.

22 — follows Lee (Casey Affleck) after his older brother dies, leaving him sole custody of his teenage nephew. Both try and adjust to their new life as Lee struggles with his past, including ex-wife Randi (Michelle Williams).

The Saturday Night Gala on Sept. 17 is American Honey, the gritty story of Star (Sasha Lane), who runs away with a teenage crew including Jake (Shia LaBeouf), selling magazine subscriptions door to door in between hard-partying nights, bending the law and finding young love. "You never know what's going to happen, but there's just something every so often about certain films that just start to get buzz," Carter said.

Carter said the program is full of stories that expand our views

and take us on emotional journeys like the documentary Theatre of Life where world-class chefs transform food bound for the dumpster into dishes for Italy's homeless. Other highlights include Canadian director Xavier Dolan's latest film, Juste la fin du monde (It's Only the End of the World) which won the Grand Prix at Cannes; Denial, following Deborah Listadt's (Rachael Weisz) legal battle against Holocaust denier David Irving; The Dressmaker, an Australian revenge comedy with Kate Winslet and Liam Hemsworth; and I, Daniel Blake, a British drama of a carpenter who suffers a heart attack that landed the Palme d'Or at Cannes.

"We are your curator of epic and unforgettable stories," Carter said during the launch.

## COMING SOON...



**American Honey**

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**Juste la Fin du Monde**

**Gimme Danger**

**Maudie**

**The Dressmaker**

**Theatre of Life**

**Manchester by the Sea**

**The Handmaiden**

## 5 THINGS

**Family friendly.** The ViewFinders: Films for Youth program offering three shows this year including Rwanda & Juliet, Growing up Coy, and Landfill Harmonic that teens and parents alike will find moving.

**Party time.** There's a red carpet gala at the Rebecca Cohn, late night drinks at the NSCAD Art Bar, and a concert for passholders with Paper Lions, Amelia Curran, and Joel Plaskett.

**Local talent.** The festival is a great time for Haligonians to see homegrown pieces on screen, whether it be full-length films or shorts. The Reel East Coast shorts are on Sept. 16, 17, 18, and 22.

**New.** Two new programs include Restored! which focuses on film preservation. There's also the first NFB Showcase, with five documentaries and more shorts from the iconic National Film Board.

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# Body found in car trunk

## HOMICIDE

**Victim was identified as Tylor Donovan McInnis**



**Zane Woodford**  
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Police in Halifax are asking for the public's help solving the municipality's eighth homicide this year.

The victim was identified Wednesday afternoon as 26-year-old Tylor Donovan McInnis of Halifax.

RCMP found McInnis in the trunk of a stolen car in a cemetery on Governor Street in North Preston on Tuesday afternoon, just minutes after the black Honda Civic was reported stolen.

"Within a couple minutes, a member on patrol in the North Preston area observed the vehicle ... in the cemetery, and so on further investigation there, they discovered a male deceased inside the vehicle,"



RCMP hold a homicide scene on Wednesday in North Preston along Upper Governor Road. JEFF HARPER/METRO

spokesperson Cpl. Dal Hutchinson said Wednesday.

"The body was found in the trunk."

The province's medical examiner's office performed an autopsy on the body on Wednesday, and ruled the death a homicide.

Hutchinson said police could

## + HOMICIDE

Tuesday's homicide is the first since April, when three people were killed in one week.

not reveal the cause of McIn-

nis's death.

Police are asking anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area of Upper Governor Street between 9 p.m. Monday night and 11 a.m. Tuesday morning to contact them or Crime Stoppers.

"It would be nice to put some closure here, and help

the police solve this crime and find out what actually took place," Hutchinson said.

"Any information people may have may be something that's important to this investigation and can help us."

Hutchinson couldn't confirm whether police had heard from anyone in the public so far.

## DARTMOUTH

# Woman found stabbed

Police have a man in custody after a woman was stabbed inside a Dartmouth hotel Tuesday night. Halifax Regional Police were called to the Holiday Inn on Wyse Road at 10 p.m. where they found a woman with stab wounds to both her back and chest.

The 22-year-old victim was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Just after 6 a.m. Wednesday, police arrested a 22-year-old man from Halifax on School Avenue in Halifax. Police said the victim and accused are known to one another.

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## + CHARGES

**The accused was to appear in Dartmouth provincial court to face charges of:**

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**BACK TO SCHOOL ALL KITTED OUT** Mom Debbie Ring, right, looks on as her daughter Diamond, 10, tries out a new backpack with the help of Linda Elliott at the Salvation Army location on Gottingen Street. The Salvation Army's Community and Family Services Back to School Program has handed out school supplies to roughly 200 children this year.

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**SAFETY**

## Two investigations launched into collapse of wind turbine

Two investigations have been launched into the collapse of an 80-metre wind turbine in Cape Breton, believed to be the first catastrophic failure of its kind in Canada.

Montreal-based Enercon Canada Inc. confirmed Wednesday that workers were told to leave the tower before it buckled and toppled into a tangled heap on Aug. 17.

Spokeswoman Karine Asselin said it remains unclear what happened when Enercon employees were replacing a component as part of regular maintenance at the Point Tupper wind farm near Port Hawkesbury, N.S.

"All of our employees were evacuated and no one got injured," she said.

"And then the turbine collapsed."

The Canadian Wind Energy Association issued a statement saying it was not aware of a similar failure among the more than 6,000 wind turbines in Canada.

Enercon Canada, a subsidiary of Enercon GmbH in Germany, said it has installed almost 1,000 wind turbines in seven provinces in the past 15 years, and this is the first time one of them has collapsed.

"This incident did not occur during regular operations and is undoubtedly an isolated one," Enercon said in a statement released Aug. 19.

Nova Scotia's Labour Department has started an investigation, and Enercon has



**Turbines have not collapsed elsewhere, company says.**

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dispatched a technical team to the site.

"Our focus is safety and we will implement all of the findings from this report," Asselin said. "At this time, releasing any specific causes would be just speculation."

The wind farm is owned and operated by Renewable Energy Services Ltd., based in Lower Sackville. Chief financial officer Kevin Doucette said he

couldn't comment because he was waiting for Enercon's report.

"It is an isolated circumstance," he said. "It wasn't to do with the operations."

The 10 other E-82 turbines at the site, built in 2010, were not affected by the collapse, Doucette said.

Each of the turbines can generate 2.05 megawatts of electricity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Missing pets cause concern in Truro

**MYSTERY**

## Police on case with increased number of disappearances

Bedtime for Stacey Taylor's 11-year-old son Kai hasn't been the same since his cat Marley went missing — one of more than 18 pets that have mysteriously disappeared from Truro, N.S., in recent months.

"(Marley) would sleep in Kai's room and climb up on top of him and lick him and he'd pat her. They were very, very close. Marley is more his cat than anyone else's," said the 38-year-old Taylor on Wednesday.

"He's devastated."

Insp. Rob Hearn of the Truro Police Service said patrol officers recently noticed an increased number of missing cat flyers in the community of roughly 12,000 people.

After discussing the issue,

investigators decided to be proactive and open an investigation into the curious rash of vanishing pets, said Hearn.

He said officers are urging people to report their missing animals and as of Wednesday afternoon, there were 18 missing cats and dogs reported to police.

"It's not something we usually see in Truro... We don't know what's happening here," said Hearn of the number of missing pets.

Hearn said most animals have gone missing within the last few months, but at least one case dates back a year.

The Taylor family feline — a fluffy three-year-old, multi-coloured bobtail cat — was last seen on Aug. 18.

Taylor said Marley always

sticks close to their property on quiet Lavinia Drive, occasioning grazing in the neighbour's grass, but never straying far from the yard.

"My children are devastated," said Taylor, who also has a four-year-old boy named Zane. "(Marley) loves people. It would be very easy for someone to pick her up and walk off."

Hearn said there's no indication yet of what's behind the disappearances, but police are taking the matter very seriously.

"Family pets are part of the family. I grew up with animals and I can tell you if something happened to one of them, you'd be disturbed by it," said Hearn.

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Joel Plaskett which houses a recording studio, record shop, coffee bar ... oh, and a hair salon.

Emergency bass player Chris Pennell runs Elk's Haircutting at the Emporium where his mix of male and female patrons get their hair done while listening to Taz records, and might catch a glimpse of musicians in between takes.

Alderney Landing also provides the best views of the city skyline, especially in the evening as the sun sets.







Wendy Gillis, left, and Helen MacLeod, sisters of Matthew Ryan Hines, say they want to know why it took them so long to discover the true circumstances of their brother's death while serving a federal prison term at Dorchester Penitentiary.

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## Report begs questions

### JAILHOUSE DEATH

### Health staff aware inmate who died was 'intoxicated'

A police report says a man who died from a drug overdose in a Cape Breton jail told a prison nurse he had taken five "nerve pill(s)" and appeared intoxicated, raising questions for an addictions expert about why he wasn't sent to hospital rather than a prison cell.

According to the report, a prison nurse who assessed Jason Marcel LeBlanc at the Cape Breton Correctional Facility told a guard that he found the prisoner "appeared to be intoxicated by something" and had "slurred speech and (was) lethargic."

"If these circumstances occurred even in a regular hospital bed, the patient would need to be transferred to a monitored setting ... where resuscitative measures could be implemented and the patient closely monitored," said Dr. Evan Wood, an addictions medicine physician at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver and a professor at the University of British Columbia.

The report also says the nurse was told "Jason admitted to taking five Lyrica (nerve pill)."

The police document says in a second check on the afternoon of Jan. 30, the nurse

### BY THE MINUTE

A surveillance video showed LeBlanc's breathing started to slow at 1:50 a.m. on Jan. 31, and it took 45 minutes before corrections officers found him unresponsive in his cell. He was declared dead at 2:45 a.m.

found the prisoner's vital signs had improved and the investigators say the nurse told a guard he didn't have any concerns "at this time."

An autopsy report says when LeBlanc returned to his cell after the assessment he had a concealed bag full of pills and near-fatal levels of methadone in his blood.

That autopsy concluded the 42-year-old labourer died 13 hours after admission from the combination of methadone and bromezapan, an anti-anxiety drug he swallowed while in the cell.

There was no confirmation of the presence of Lyrica in the autopsy's blood or urine screens.

The Nova Scotia Health Authority, which runs prison health care in the province, declined to comment on the police report or answer questions about the health care provided to the prisoner.

However, Wood said it's important that health care issues be explored.

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“My son ended up dying and we really don't know what authorities did or didn't do.”

Ernie LeBlanc

### HERRING COVE ROAD

## Police seek suspect in armed robbery

Police are looking for a suspect they say robbed a store at gunpoint Tuesday night in Halifax.

A release from police says the suspect walked into a business on Herring Cove Road at 10 p.m., produced a handgun and demanded money and cigarettes.

The suspect then fled the store, and police said they checked the area but were unable to find the man. METRO

### + DESCRIPTION

The suspect is described as a white man in his 30s, five feet seven inches tall, of average build, and police say he was wearing a black hooded jacket, grey shorts and sunglasses.

### STOLEN

## Man wants musical instruments back

A Sydney music teacher is hoping whoever took his musical instruments returns them soon.

Stephen McDougall, 31, noticed his violin, classical guitar, banjo and dobro were missing from his former Sydney home last week.

"I don't know when it happened," McDougall said Wednesday. "They weren't instruments I was using every day, so

I can't pinpoint an exact date but I noticed they were gone last Thursday or Friday. I filed the police report last Friday. I made a poster on Sunday and put it on Facebook that night."

What's further compounding the mystery is the fact that there was no forced entry into that home. If there had been, he probably would have noticed the theft immediately. TC MEDIA



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# Pumpkins a victim of drought

## EXTREME WEATHER

### Rain out west, dry weather in the east affecting crops

Nova Scotia farmer Danny Dill is hoping for lots of rain in the coming weeks — or his giant pumpkins, used to float contestants in Windsor's annual pumpkin regatta, may end up on the small side.

"It's bizarre, saying Nova Scotia and drought in the same sentence, doesn't sound right to me," Dill said.

Dill said he's been watering his crops, but the gourds — which would normally tip the scale at 500 pounds by now — are weighing in around just 200 pounds.

Dill said it's one of the longest dry spells he's seen, noting that ponds on his property have gone dry, but he said disaster could still be averted. The pumpkins could reach regatta size in time if they get enough rain.

Dill usually supplies several dozen pumpkins for the Octo-

ber event in Windsor. People cut a hole in the side of a giant pumpkin, scrape out the inside, and then use it like a boat.

The summer has been so dry in Nova Scotia that the government took the rare step of banning hiking and camping in woods earlier this month in order to reduce the risk of wildfires. Firefighters were battling more than a dozen blazes at one point, and the largest of them consumed hundreds of hectares near Kejimikujik National Park.

Dry conditions are expected to take a toll on crop production elsewhere in the eastern half of the country. A Statistics Canada survey of crop projections suggests production of corn is expected to drop almost nine per cent from last year to 12.3 million tonnes as Ontario, the largest producer in the country, has been hit by drought in many areas.

Soybean production in Ontario is also expected to be down by 6.5 per cent this year.

On the Prairies, significant rainfall in Saskatchewan in July contributed to a 4.2 per cent drop in lentil yields despite an increase of 37 per cent in har-

“Once these giant pumpkins get to that 200- to 300-pound level, that's when they start putting on 20, 30 or 40 pounds a day.”

Danny Dill

vested areas.

Wheat production, on the other hand, is expected to come in at more than 30 million tonnes for only the second time in 25 years, as yields increased 14.3 per cent.

David Phillips, senior climatologist for Environment Canada, said Canada has been a country of two climates this summer — wet in the west and dry in the east.

He said that rather than the variable weather conditions we're used to in Canada, it seems entire regions were stuck in holding patterns.

"What we're seeing more



Paddlers race their giant pumpkins in the 16th annual regatta on Lake Pisiquid in Windsor, N.S., on Oct. 12, 2014. Participants hollow out the massive gourds and pilot them across the 500-metre course. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

and more, and it's very anecdotal — it has not been proven statistically in a rigorous way — but people are talking about when we get stuck in a pattern, it persists," he said.

He said the growing season in Alberta is the wettest it's been in 65 years, with 61 per cent more rain than usual between May and August.

"It's almost as if summer ar-

rived for them after the first week of August," Phillips said, adding that it appears the weather patterns have begun to change.

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## LYME DISEASE

### All seasons are tick seasons, and N.S. is having a boom

Zoologist Andrew Hebda says it's been a great year for ticks.

"Someone said it was a bad year, but no, they're doing very well," he said with his characteristic sharp sense of humour.

"Tick season is all seasons. People used to think that when it gets warm in the summertime the ticks disappear and we're okay," he said.

Most ticks live two or three years depending on the species and they overwinter, he added.

Many of those infected with the Lyme bacteria do not show the "bull's-eye" sore that is so often described.

"There's a whole whack of un-

usual symptoms. It's not always the same thing," said Hebda.

Antibodies are generally slow to build up to the bacteria and there are not enough of them in the body to provide a positive result.

"That's why they usually recommend not doing a blood test for five or six weeks," said Hebda.

Nova Scotia Health and Wellness statistics show a total of 443 cases of Lyme disease reported in Nova Scotia from 2002 to 2014.

In 2015, there were 245 reported cases, an increase from the 115 cases reported in 2014.

Tick populations are ex-

## + TALKING TICKS

Canada is home to many species of ticks, but the Ixodes tick — more often known as the black-legged or deer tick — is the most common Lyme-carrier.

panding in Nova Scotia and Lyme disease awareness has grown over the years, so an increase in number of cases is expected.

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## IN BRIEF

### Police ask for public's help in identifying suspects wanted in liquor robbery

Talk about a liquor run. Police in Nova Scotia are asking for the public's help in identifying four people who are alleged to have robbed a grocery store of a whole lot of booze.

The RCMP in Colchester Country say they were called to the Co-Op in Upper Stewiacke on Aug. 7 at

1:45 a.m. after the store was broken into and liquor was stolen.

Police say video surveillance shows two males and two females inside, arriving in a white, two-door Chevrolet truck. All four suspects are believed to be between the ages of 15 and 25.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the RCMP in Nova Scotia or Crime Stoppers. METRO



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# Bella Bella awaits royals

## FIRST NATIONS

### British royalty to tour remote community



**David P. Ball**  
Metro | Vancouver

The quiet coastal Heiltsuk community of Bella Bella is home to roughly 1,600 people, but it's set to get a whole lot busier over the next month as it readies to host the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

The British royal family members — Prince William, Kate Middleton and their two children Prince George and Princess Charlotte — will visit the remote village on Sept. 26 as part of their week-long Canadian tour announced this week.

Harvey Humchitt is a Heiltsuk hereditary chief and the First Nation's research coordinator in its resource management department.

He said the high-profile visitors will likely take in a flight over the surrounding wilder-



Members of Heiltsuk First Nation, in Bella Bella, B.C., believe the Royal family's Sept. 26 visit will benefit their tourism sector, and long-term reconciliation. COURTESY HEILTSUK TRIBAL COUNCIL/FACEBOOK

ness, and visit Bella Bella's independent community school, which for decades has been an example of Heiltsuk "control over our own education," he said.

On Tuesday, Humchitt described the mood in the community following the news of the upcoming tour as "excited" because — despite visits from governors general, celebrities

and politicians — it's the first visit from royalty.

"We've never really had any royal visitors in Bella Bella," he told Metro in a phone interview. "A lot of our people believe this

happens once in a lifetime.

One of the key roles of the traditional hereditary chiefs, he explained, is to protect the Heiltsuk people's lands. So the royal visit from Britain's own hereditary leadership is a chance to showcase the community's success defending its territories from industrial exploitation, oil tankers associated with the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline, as well as opposing Grizzly bear trophy hunting.

"We know there has to be some development in our territories, but we try to do it in a sustainable fashion. We've worked really hard to manage and control harvesting of logs in a sustainable way and the oceans clear of fish farms."

Marilyn Slett, who is the elected Chief Councillor of the Heiltsuk Tribal Council, told Metro the details and logistics of the visit are still being worked out.

But key elements will include an invitation to walk in part of the "largest temperate rainforest left in the world" — known as the Great Bear Rainforest — and see the locally managed salmon hatchery.

## RIDESHARING

### The 'Peg wants Uber



**Braeden Jones**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg may be the city that Uber forgot. But, Jay Hall is bound and determined to remind the company that plenty of people are ready and waiting to ride.

Hall has started a petition that aims to bait the hook for ridesharing companies to break into the market. It calls on Premier Brian Pallister and Mayor Brian Bowman to "get Uber or Uber-like regulations for Manitoba's taxis."

The company's entry into other cities has sparked debate around the world. But, as far as Hall is concerned, many Winnipeggers are ready to roll out the welcome mat.

People are continually posting stories about negative experiences with taxis, said Hall, who runs a Facebook page called The Winnipeg. Even more have been posted on his petition page — which has more than 350 signatures — with issues ranging from safety concerns to rude drivers.

"I am afraid to use cabs in the city alone, and I have had cab drivers try to convince me to pay without the meter," one woman wrote. Some say they have been "refused service" based on where they live.

Hall said he uses ridesharing in other cities and feels it mitigates most of those concerns.

Hall's push for change aligns with the Manitoba Taxi Cab board lending an ear to the public via surveys at [wpgtaxistudy2016.ca](http://wpgtaxistudy2016.ca).



Floaters travel down the St. Clair River at Lighthouse Beach in Port Huron, Mich., on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## TOURISM

### American 'invaders' welcome

The mayor of an Ontario border city that was unwittingly visited by 1,500 wayward Americans over the weekend says he'd like the temporary visitors to return — but this time with money, clothes and passports.

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley says it cost his municipality more than \$8,000 after Americans on

inflatable rafts and boats drifted off course Sunday due to high winds and strong currents during the annual Port Huron Float Down on the river that divides Michigan and Ontario.

He says the city will cover the costs incurred to deal with the visitors, which included shipping them back across the border in

city buses.

An American, meanwhile, has started an online campaign to repay the city, and so far has raised about \$2,000 in one day.

Bradley says he appreciates the gesture and says his city will use any money raised by the campaign to celebrate cross-border relations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Liberals get ready for fall

POLITICS

## Economy, middle-class, bonding on retreat agenda

Liberal MPs began catching up on vacation stories and other tales from outside the political bubble Wednesday evening as they began arriving for a summer retreat to get ready for a year of tough choices as the government figures out how to deliver on its long list of promises.

"It's good for all of us to get together, talk about what issues are coming up in our constituencies, so we can filter it in to the fall agenda," Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr said as he greeted his Liberal caucus colleagues in the lobby of a hotel in Saguenay, Que., about 210 kilometres north of Quebec City. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is scheduled to arrive here Thursday morning, when the meetings begin in earnest, where he will address the national caucus after they have gathered in smaller regional groups.

The Liberals are being encouraged to spend their free time in the area, with a community event promising a chance for local residents to mingle with Trudeau and the MPs scheduled for Thursday evening.

The details of what will take precedence on the fall legislative agenda have yet to be shared, but Liberal MPs headed into two days of closed-door

**+ EXPENSES**

- The political pressure is mounting on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to outline specific measures to control spending among his cabinet ministers, now that two of them find their own practices under the microscope.
- New Democrat caucus chair Charlie Angus and ethics critic Alexandre Boulerice have written to the prime minister about "questionable expenses" that they say may breach Trudeau's own standards of conduct when it comes to public funds.

meetings said they hope for substantial discussions on everything from electoral reform to a review of anti-terror legislation.

The summer caucus meeting comes on the heels of a cabinet retreat in Sudbury, Ont., where the stagnant economy provided the context for a message that the second year in power will require some patience and acceptance of the fact that the government cannot please everyone all of the time.

Liberal MPs are returning from their summer breaks with local concerns, arising from the numerous town halls cabinet ministers asked them to conduct in their ridings, the canvassing the Liberal party has asked them to keep up and their own ties to the regions.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau greets members of a Syrian refugee family during Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

TOLERANCE

## New guide aims to help schools understand, fight Islamophobia

Last spring, school boards grappled with the practical issues that came with welcoming thousands of new Syrian students: finding them desks, pencils, books.

But as they gear up for this school year, Muslim organizations hope they can turn their attention to another problem: warding off the dirty looks — and worse — that many Muslim students say they get at school.

Schools have wrestled with Islamophobia since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 but there was never intense educator interest in combating the problem, said

Amira Elghawaby, communications director for the National Council of Canadian Muslims. That's changed, she said.

"The previous federal election where Islam and Muslims were at the forefront for all the wrong reasons, combined with the arrival of Syrian refugees, suddenly this is on people's radars," she said.

As upwards of 25,000 Syrians have arrived in Canada since November, her organization has begun fielding far more calls about the issue — ranging from people ranting about refugees seeking to

change Canadian culture to parents panicked about their child experiencing Islamophobia. Teachers, too, were phoning, seeking resources to help them understand the issue and how to respond.

So the NCCM, the Islamic Social Services Association and the Canadian Human Rights Commission have developed a guide for educators to help them understand the impact of the trauma Syrian kids have experienced abroad and also the experience they, and other Muslims, have of Islamophobia here. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DIVERSITY

## Mounties allowing hijab with uniform



Rebecca Williams  
Metro | Toronto

The RCMP has adopted a new policy that allows female Muslim officers to wear the hijab.

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson, the only officer allowed to approve accommodations regarding faith, made the change that came into effect in an updated uniform policy in January 2016.

The policy includes an "exemption" that allows Muslim officer to wear the hijab, if they so choose, in an effort to increase the diversity on Canada's national police force.

"The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is a progressive and inclusive police service that values and respects persons of all cultural and religious backgrounds," Public Safety spokesman Scott Bardsley said.

In 2015, the RCMP began a recruiting blitz with the objective of increasing the number of visible minorities on the force by 20 per cent. In 2013, the number of officers that self-identified as a minority was just 8.7 per cent.

The change in uniform policy comes nearly 26 years after the RCMP approved the turban as part of the uniform for Sikh officers after Baltej Singh Dhillon, an aspiring Mountie, took the force to court in 1990.

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# 'The town isn't here anymore'

## NATURAL DISASTER

### Earthquake leaves a trail of devastation in Italian towns

Rescue crews using bulldozers and their bare hands raced to dig out survivors from a strong earthquake that reduced three central Italian towns to rubble Wednesday. The death toll stood at 159, but the number of dead and missing was uncertain given the huge number of vacationers in the area for summer's final days.

Residents wakened before dawn by the temblor emerged from their crumbled homes to find what they described as apocalyptic scenes "like Dante's Inferno," with entire blocks of buildings turned into piles of sand and rock, thick dust choking the air and a putrid smell of gas.

"The town isn't here anymore," said Sergio Pirozzi, the mayor of the hardest-hit town, Amatrice. "I believe the toll will rise."

The magnitude 6 quake



Rescuers carry a stretcher after an earthquake in Amatrice, central Italy, on Wednesday. The quake in central Italy reduced three towns to rubble with reports of least 159 killed, and hundreds more injured, as rescue crews raced to dig out survivors. ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

struck at 3:36 a.m. and was felt across a broad swath of central Italy, including Rome, where residents woke to a long swaying followed by aftershocks. The temblor shook the Lazio region and Umbria and Le Marche on the Adriatic coast, a highly seismic area that has witnessed ma-

jor quakes in the past.

Dozens of people were pulled out alive by rescue teams and volunteers that poured in from around Italy.

"She's alive!" two women cheered as they ran up the street in Pescara del Tronto, one of the three hardest hit hamlets, after

an eight-year-old girl was pulled from the rubble after nightfall.

And there were wails when bodies emerged.

"Unfortunately, 90 per cent we pull out are dead, but some make it, that's why we are here," said Christian Bianchetti, a volunteer from Rieti who was

## + MYANMAR

A powerful earthquake shook Myanmar on Wednesday, killing at least three people and damaging nearly a hundred ancient Buddhist pagodas in the former capital of Bagan.

working in devastated Amatrice where flood lights were set up so the rescue could continue through the night.

Premier Matteo Renzi visited the zone Wednesday, greeted rescue teams and survivors, and pledged that "No family, no city, no hamlet will be left behind." Italy's civil protection agency reported the death toll had risen to 159 by late Wednesday; at least 368 others were injured.

Worst affected were the tiny towns of Amatrice and Accumoli near Rieti, some 100 kilometres northeast of Rome, and Pescara del Tronto, some 25 kilometres further east. Italy's civil protection agency set up tent cities around each hamlet to accommodate the thousands of homeless. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## BEACH

### Burkini talk heats up in France

A Muslim mother from France says she's going to challenge a fine for wearing a burkini on the Riviera.

The woman — who gave her name only as "Siam" — was ordered to remove her swimsuit by French police officers carrying pepper spray and batons on August 16 in Nice.

Images circulated of at least four police officers standing around the woman just metres from the town's Promenade des Anglais, the scene of last month's Bastille Day truck attack which killed 86 people.

More than a dozen French communities along the Riviera have banned the burkini, which is much like a wetsuit but with a head covering.

Last week, Nice became the latest French resort city to ban the burkini.

Enforcement of burkini rules have triggered a fierce debate about the beachwear.

Even French Prime Minister Manuel Valls has weighed in, calling the burkini a symbol of women's enslavement.

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## SPACE

### Discovery of Proxima b raises hopes for life outside Earth

Out of the 100 billion stars in the Milky Way and the many multiples beyond it, one, the red dwarf Proxima Centauri, is our closest stellar neighbour.

On Wednesday, a team of astronomers announced they had discovered a planet orbiting Proxima Centauri — and that

the planet is rocky, has a mass similar to Earth's and sits in the "goldilocks" zone where liquid water could exist on its surface.

Twenty-five years ago, astronomers had no direct evidence of planets beyond our solar system. Today, an Earth analogue — a primary target in the search for

life elsewhere in the universe — is sitting a cosmic stone's throw away. Much remains unknown about the new planet, which has been dubbed Proxima b. Just because water and life could exist doesn't mean they do.

But one fact is certain: The discovery will set off a massive

push to analyze the planet and piece together its history, using current ground-based observatories, soon-to-be-launched spacecraft and maybe — a big maybe — ambitious interstellar missions that entrepreneurs and scientists want to see launched within their lifetimes.

Proxima Centauri is one of three stars in the neighbouring Alpha Centauri system, which has long been a favourite of science fiction: The movie Avatar is set on a fictional moon in Alpha Centauri, and the Transformers' home world originally orbited there. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



An artist's rendering of the planet Proxima b orbiting Proxima Centauri. CONTRIBUTED

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# Mickey, Minnie join Mounties

DISNEY

## Canadian firm plans to ship 2,000 stuffies by Christmas

Two famous octogenarian recruits are set to join the ranks of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mickey and Minnie Mouse will don the Mounties' red uniform, although neither has the required Canadian citizenship.

Stuffed animal versions of the Disney characters made by a Toronto toy company, 2 blue ducks, are due to hit the shelves of mom-

and-pop, airport and souvenir stores across the country in a few months. The dolls are the fruits of more than two years of negotiations between the toy company, RCMP Foundation and Disney to ensure that the characters and uniform look just right, said Michael Glina, the company's managing director.

The toy company needed special permission from the RCMP Foundation to add a red bow with white polka dots to Minnie's standard-issue hat, Glina said.



Mickey and Minnie Mouse will soon enough join the Mounties' ranks in red uniforms. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"Normally, the hat is iconic. You can't really mess with it, but we needed a distinguishable characteristic between Mickey and Minnie."

The RCMP Foundation, a nationally registered charity, also suggested that the text on Mickey and Minnie Mouse's shoulder patch be in both official languages.

The Mountie outfit has evolved since the late 19th century into a Canadian symbol. The Norfolk jacket, or red serge, was chosen to mimic British army uniforms. Before the wide-brimmed hat became part of the official uniform in 1902, officers wore pith helmets or pillbox hats, RCMP Sgt. Penny Hermann said.

There was no particular reason to dress Mickey and Minnie in Mountie garb, but Glina says Canada's 150th anniversary next year is as good an occasion as any.

The contract was a big score for the Toronto company with two full-time employees, Glina and his wife Jenna — plus a "product tester," their 18-month-old son Cooper.

They plan to ship about 2,000 stuffies to Canada before Christmas. The couple considered making the toys domestically, but found that manufacturing them in Canada would be too expensive, Glina said. To bring the retail cost down to around \$30, the dolls are being made in China.

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LENDING

## Household debt rising

Canadians' non-mortgage debt loads picked up pace in the second quarter, putting households in an increasingly risky position, an RBC analysis suggested Wednesday.

Balances on consumer loans — including credit cards and lines of credit — grew by 2.6 per cent year-over-year, driven primarily by the continued popularity of lines of credit and auto loans. That was the first uptick in Canadians' appetite for those types of loans in 18 months.

Mortgage loan balances were up 6.2 per cent as housing prices force many borrowers to take on bigger home loans.

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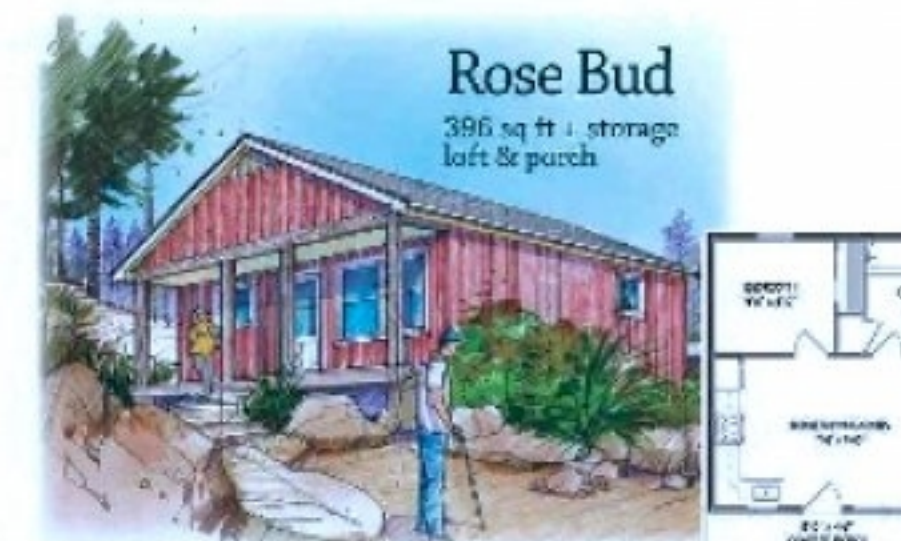
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## CHANTAL HÉBERT ON MANDATORY VOTING



### There are serious political and practical roadblocks in the way of having a different voting system in place in time for the next election. In a deadlock, could mandatory voting offer a fallback avenue to political consensus?

In the garden of electoral reform, mandatory voting is a low hanging fruit that all parties seem content — for now — to leave on the branch.

That may change if a special parliamentary committee on electoral reform appointed to make recommendations to Justin Trudeau's government ends up deadlocked over the big-ticket item on its agenda.

In the wake of Trudeau's promise to put in place a different voting system in time for the 2019 federal election a cottage industry of electoral experts has sprouted.

The Conservative contention that no move to a different system should take place without its ratification by a national referendum is only contributing to the growth of that industry.

Policy wonks who sometimes have not been heard from since the constitutional debates of the early 1990s are coming out of the woodwork to argue for their pet voting model, or to debate the pros and cons of having a reform ratified by all voters.

So far the public's engagement in this debate has been inversely proportional to the high academic and political interest it is eliciting. Anecdotal evidence suggests

that most voters do not see electoral reform as a defining issue of the Trudeau mandate.

But who knows? The unprecedented combination of a Liberal overture to do away with the first-past-the-post system with the long-held dream of the NDP and the

tion is part of the mandate of the special committee.

Mandatory voting is not a substitute for a more proportional voting system. It would address the issue of declining voter turnouts but would not lead to outcomes that more closely reflect the support

the battle. As often as not, the need to mobilize the base takes precedence over expanding a party's tent. It also provides an incentive for parties to practice dog-whistle politics. Mandatory voting could mitigate that tendency.

And then parties cater to those who vote. Mandatory voting would expand not only the pool of younger voters but also that of aboriginal Canadians whose turnout is well below the national average. In the last election, the Assembly of First Nations identified 51 ridings where the aboriginal vote could influence the outcome.

On paper, mandatory voting tends to favour progressive parties. Throwing more young voters in the mix could spell trouble for the Conservatives. They are often the third or fourth choice of that cohort. Chances are the official opposition is no more a fan of compulsory voting than it is of a different voting system.

But it is always risky to use today's trends to predict the electoral future, and not just because political parties tend to adapt to new dynamics.

On that score, consider that not so long ago many analysts would have seen the introduction of compulsory voting in Quebec as a gift designed to keep on giving for the Parti Québécois. For most of its history, it had tended to be the party of choice of young Quebecers. The younger cohort consistently favoured sovereignty. But in 2016, the reverse would be true.

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Minister of Democratic Institutions Maryam Monsef appears at an electoral reform committee meeting in Ottawa in July. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Green Party for more proportional representation could yet lead to change. Still, the fact is that there are serious political and practical roadblocks in the way of having a different voting system in place in time for the next election.

In a deadlock, could mandatory voting offer the special committee a fallback avenue for attaining a political consensus?

To varying degrees two of the parties on the committee have flirted with the idea in the past. It was part of the Green party's 2015 platform. In 2014, the Liberals — under Trudeau — sounded out their members on it. It is no accident that exploring the op-

each party receives.

Settling for a reform along those lines would undoubtedly amount to a climbdown from Trudeau's promise and fall well short of the hopes of the NDP and the Greens.

But the introduction of mandatory voting could bring about transformative change in time for the 2019 election without foreclosing the option of switching to a different voting system at some later point down the road.

It would alter the electoral dynamics in a number of quantitative and qualitative ways. Here are some of them:

In a system where voting is not compulsory, ensuring that one's supporters show up to vote is sometimes half

## Places to swim still beachhead for bigotry



**Shree Paradkar**

When Penny Oleksiak made Canadian history this month with a golden victory at Rio, she tied for first place with a 20-year-old who made Olympic history. American Simone Manuel is the first black woman to win an individual Olympic gold in swimming.

Manuel was not just swimming the 100-metre freestyle to win, she was also swimming against a historic legacy of discrimination that kept black people out of swimming pools and public beaches in the U.S., a practice that remained even after schools were desegregated.

Given these historic disincentives, a majority of young African-Americans today can't swim. To them all, Manuel's win is a beacon of possibilities.

That long step to the top of the podium provided good news at a time when, far from turning the tide towards inclusion, places to swim have been exposed as beachheads for bigotry. The place to bare bodies has also laid bare deep-seated racial, cultural and gender-based biases across the Western world. Here are three recent examples.

As reported here in Toronto in July, a hijab-wearing mother was told to leave a public pool if she didn't change her daughter's long shorts and T-shirt, although they were swimwear. (It was deemed OK for her son to wear that.)

In the United States in June, the American Red Cross was forced to apologize after a social media post elicited outrage over a safety poster that labelled white kids "cool" for obeying the rules and kids of

colour "uncool" for disobeying them.

In France, the city of Cannes and 15 towns chose to uphold the nation's traditions of liberté and égalité by imposing more rules around women's clothing. On Aug. 12, it banned the burkini — full body-covering swimsuits — on its beaches. The ban does not apply to full-body covering scuba diving suits. Perhaps there was a safety angle to this?

There isn't. The city's decidedly non-Muslim mayor said burkinis were "the uniform of extremist Islamism, not of the Muslim religion."

Beaches have been on the front lines for racial supremacy, as witnessed during Australia's Cronulla Riots of 2005. That country's largest racial riots were sparked off by in Sydney's beach suburb of Cronulla between Australia's much-vaunted lifeguards (who were white) and a group of Lebanese men.

Going to the seaside can be a time of calm reflection and recreation, so why does stripping down to get into water end up stripping down the notion of inclusiveness?

Through the 20th century, going to a pool meant you could afford to pay for it, going to a beach meant you could afford the time for leisure. Both symbolized privilege and luxury, available to a select few.

Gradually opening pools and beaches to all people diluted that privilege. Modern laws don't allow for direct exclusion, but being offended by what others wear, or how they behave, simply allows the threatened elite to disguise their bigotry.

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# Is Shakespeare due for a shakeup?

## THEATRE

### Baffled by the Bard, thespians take a red pen to his words

**Genna Buck**  
Metro Canada



Be honest: How much of this speech, from Act I of Shakespeare's dark comedy *All's Well That Ends Well*, do you understand?

*O, will you eat no grapes, my royal fox?*

*Yes, but you will my noble grapes, an if*

*My royal fox could reach them: I have seen a medicine*

*That's able to breathe life into a stone,*

*Quicken a rock, and make you dance canary*

*With spritely fire and motion; whose simple touch,*

*Is powerful to araise King Pepin, nay,*

*To give great Charlemain a pen in's hand,*

*And write to her a love-line.*

If you said "almost nothing," you're not alone.

Though his reputation as the be-all and end-all of English playwrights has barely budged an inch in the four centuries since his death, "the vast majority" of Shakespeare's words soar over audiences' heads, said Holger Syme, a University of Toronto English professor and Shakespeare expert.

It's a bit of a dirty little secret among theatregoers: For some "really strange" reason, people seem reluctant to admit Shakespeare is difficult, he said.

And, in the words of linguist John MacWhorter, even modest attempts to translate the Bard into modern English are seen as "sacrilege" to many literary and theatre types.

That may be changing: Some envelope-pushing productions are willing to be called blasphemous by the purists.

Take the traditional summer Shakespeare in Toronto's High Park. In what Syme calls their most "radical" and "experimental," season in years, Canadian Stage is presenting, on alternate nights, a compact, 100-minute *Hamlet* (Benedict Cumberbatch's



**Clockwise from top:** Nicky Guadagni (centre, long sleeves) as the countess, and Rachel Jones (far right) as the lewd clown Lavache in *All's Well That Ends Well* in Toronto's High Park; Frank Cox-O'Connell's hipster Hamlet confers with Rose Tuong in the role of Ophelia; a raucous scene from *All's Well That Ends Well*.

CYLLA VON TIEDEMANN/CONTRIBUTED

version clocks in at 271), and a wild, gender-bending rendition of *All's Well That Ends Well* where the word "slut" replaces "knave."

In the latter play, the clown Lavatch, recast as a sultry nightclub singer, delivers explanatory monologues in modern English.

Audience member Chloe Wilson said she understood about 70 per cent of *All's Well*, though some puns and jokes escaped her. "I really liked it," she said. "For the most part, just from the context of what's happening, I find I can follow it pretty well."

Her friend Doug Tynes copped to taking in only about 40 per cent. "It's like a different language," he said.

At the heart of the debate about how to make Shakespeare intelligible to people like Doug, Syme said, is the question of what kind of confusion is good, and what's just, well, confusing.

After all, he said, people didn't speak in verse in the 1600s. Shakespeare was dense and hard to understand then, too — just for a different reason. It's why the Bard often repeated the same statement two different ways.

"Bouncing back and forth between being lost and understanding is really quite central to how Shakespeare works ... except if you're not bouncing back," Syme said.

He has his students pore over



the plays' full text and footnotes, but in performance it's "ridiculous" to refuse to tweak words that make no sense to a modern audience, he said.

(In the passage above, for example, "quicken" doesn't mean "speed up." In Shakespeare's time, it meant "bring to life.")

It's an impossible burden to place on actors "to make sure people understand every word."

The words aren't where the magic comes from, explained Frank Cox-O'Connell, who stars as Hamlet in High Park.

"Plays are stories. They're not precious texts that we need to be deciphering word-by-word," he said. "We want to make the audi-

ence believe I'm really thinking this, and I'm really going through it in real time. That's the energy of a live performance."

Nicky Guadagni, who plays Polonius in *Hamlet* and the countess in *All's Well*, said audience confusion is painfully obvious in a bright outdoor park, miming a slack-jawed expression.

So, she explained, early in *All's Well*'s run, lines like "To Paris!" and "to Rousillon!" were added to make it clear where the action was.

Birgit Duarte, who directed *Hamlet*, took a similar approach: She remixed the script from its most "timeless," parts: "The family dynamics we all still rec-

## TEST YOURSELF

It's hard for even the most literary theatregoer to follow a Shakespeare play. Some words, circa 1600, meant the exact opposite of how we understand them today. Take these lines from *Hamlet*:

"I'll make a ghost of he who **lets** me."

**Lets**, in this sense, actually means "prevents."

"Here's fine revolution, **and** we had the trick to see't."

**And**, here, means "if," not "in addition to."

HOLGER SYME/BIRGIT DUARTE



**I'm worried about Shakespeare. It risks becoming a sort of museum: You go because that's what you do as an educated person.**

Holger Syme, professor

ognize: generational conflicts, grieving a parent, the quarterlife crisis," she said.

She said it was totally unlike her experience as a director at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival: home of beautiful, expensive, epic plays that barely stray from the text or the period aesthetic.

Syme recently watched a subpar but faithful *Macbeth*, a play he's been teaching for 12 years.

"I was struggling to make sense of speeches I know quite well," Syme said. "I'm sure some people are so immersed in the language that they never trip up. But I find that hard to imagine."

He said the theatre world needs to confront the "persistent myth" that if you're human, you'll understand Shakespeare's transcendent words. Otherwise, he said, the Bard risks "becoming a sort of museum: You go because that's what you do as an educated person."

"That's not how theatre works. It's supposed to do something to you."



# Examining Orson Welles and the Art of Fake News

ANALYSIS

## Drawing a line from War of the Worlds to Donald Trump

In 1938, the Germans had just invaded Czechoslovakia, the Depression was still raging and there were other daily terrors.

It was in this atmosphere of insecurity that Orson Welles and his company of actors, radio technicians and producers — the Mercury Theatre clan — created a radio program based on H.G. Wells' science fiction novel *The War of the Worlds* that scared the living daylights out of many who heard it.

It became a famous event in broadcast history. A. Brad Schwartz explores the phenomenon in *Broadcast Hysteria: Orson Welles's War of the Worlds and the Art of Fake News*.

**It was a difficult time in America when Welles broadcast *The War of the Worlds*. The Second World War was about to begin in Europe; the Depression was still in effect. With massive unemployment in America, the scare caused by the kidnapping of the Charles Lindbergh baby, the closure of banks, the terrible hurricane that slammed New England, people were understandably tense.**

I'm not sure if Welles consciously meant to create terror, but he had his antenna up and was drawing from what was in the culture at the time. There was a pervasive climate of fear and he was drawn to that.

The show had a particular impact because of the condition of the country at the time. The war, the hurricane, the Lindbergh kidnapping had all come over the radio. The radio was bringing a scary world into the living rooms of America.

**While the War of the Worlds broadcast is the most famous radio show of its type, other radio stations had done similar things before. I'm thinking about WGN in Chicago and its fake news show.**

Welles wasn't the first with his War of the Worlds, but he was the first who took techniques and ideas and put them in one program. What struck me was how much the normal news coverage of the time was dramatized or gussied up to make it more entertaining.

We think of that period as the golden age of journalism.



Author Brad Schwartz explores the legacy of Orson Welles' War of the Worlds broadcast in his new book. ARCHIVE PHOTO



“It was a lesson that you need to be critical about what you hear. A lesson that holds true today

Brad Schwartz on the impact of War of the Worlds broadcast



is entertaining.

**Scholars who studied Welles' War of the Worlds determined it had far less of an impact than we were led to believe. Very few people, in fact, believed Martians had landed. But it did change the way people studied and thought about radio.**

The panic was greatly exaggerated. Many were frightened by the show for a minute, yes; it may have happened before common sense kicked in. But stories about people grabbing shotguns and pulling kids into

the car and racing away were very rare. Most people who were frightened, which was a small fraction of the audience, sat listening until the station break.

This story about War of the Worlds becomes a warning for the social media age.

When we are in an environment where people are frightened, fear becomes contagious. It is the whole viral idea. Fast-forward 80 years to the age of Twitter, where it is about sharing information or misinformation.

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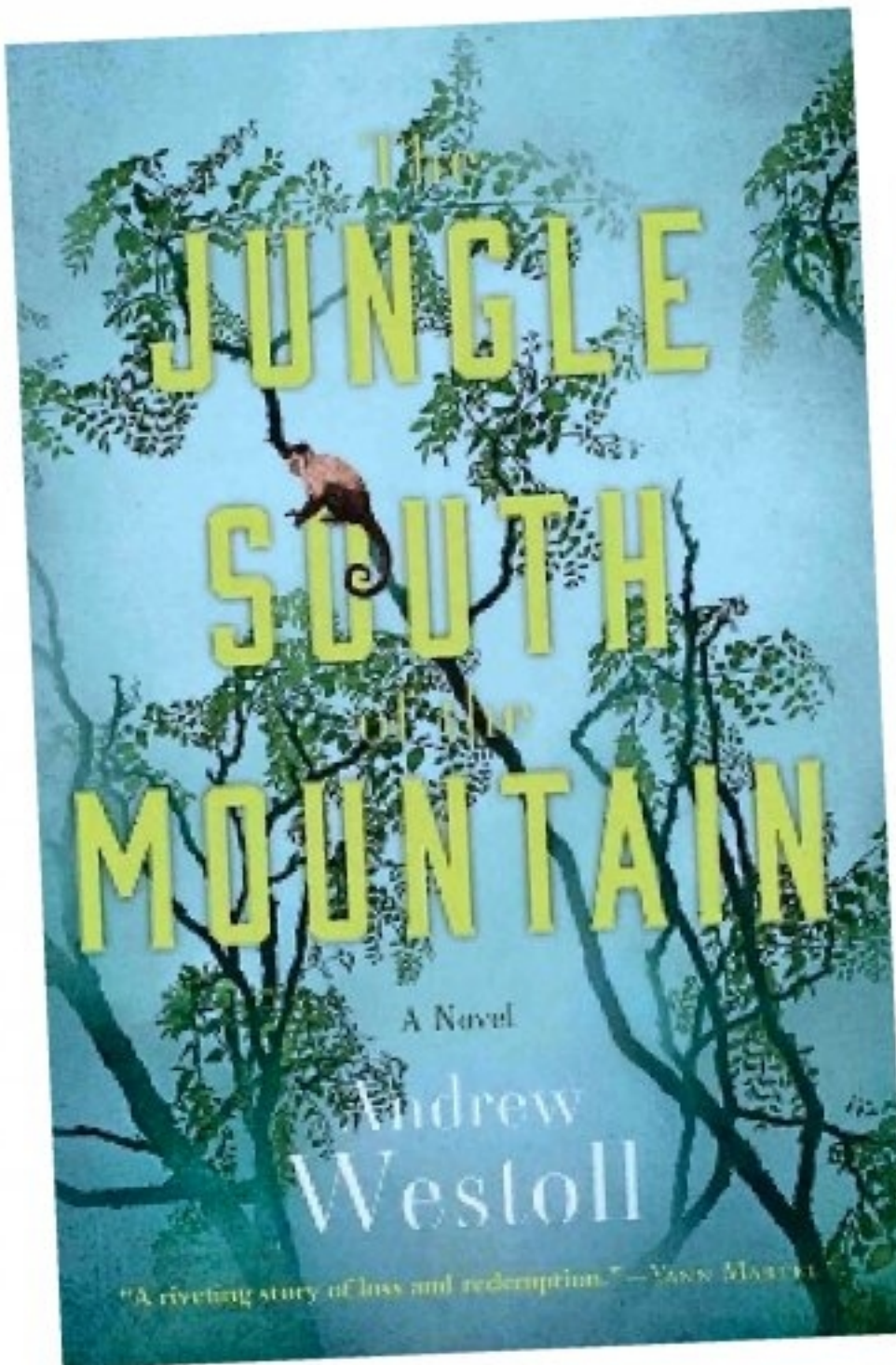
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# Welcome to the jungle

NOVEL

## A real attack on capuchin monkeys impacts story

**Sue Carter**  
For Metro Canada



It's been more than a decade since Andrew Westoll has spent time in the rainforest amongst the capuchin monkeys, but the sounds and sights, and the emotions they conjure in the former primatologist have never completely vanished.

Now, they're at the heart of his first novel, *The Jungle South of the Mountain*, a psychological mystery mixed with magical realism set deep in an unnamed South American country.

"I had my own experiences in the upper Amazon basin, years and years ago," Westoll says. "They just felt like they totally hadn't been put through the sieve."

Westoll, who left science to focus on writing, made a name for himself with his

travel memoir *The Riverbones*, which captures his time in the Suriname jungle, and the award-winning *The Chimps of Fauna Sanctuary*, a biography of a group of rescued chimpanzees living in Quebec.

But he started his career writing fiction while working on his creative-writing MFA at the University of British Columbia. Like many authors, Westoll has an early "drawer novel" tucked away, but despite his success with non-fiction had always wanted to return to the genre.

*The Jungle South of the Mountain* follows Stanley, a scientist who has been living for years immersed in a rain forest on the northern coast of South America.

While in mourning after the loss of his son, and the departure of his fellow scientist and wife, Maria, Stanley finds him-

self embroiled in local politics and the mysterious disappearance of the troop of monkeys they've been tracking.

Stanley came to Westoll one night while wondering what would happen to a scientist who stayed in the jungle too long.

"Once I had that idea, I realized this could be a really amazing way to put my relationship to that part of my life to bed," he says.

He knew Stanley needed some kind of adversary, and so to refresh his memory, the next morning he began looking up videos of capuchin monkeys.

He came across one shaky video taken immediately after a troop of monkeys was attacked by a powerful harpy eagle.

Westoll heard a man's voice exclaim in horror, and realized it was his own. He had totally

forgotten shooting the video, and hadn't realized it had been posted online.

"When I heard my voice, it all came rushing back, the power of that moment," he says. "It's profoundly upsetting when you spend all this time with the monkeys and you've named half of them. You see them come under attack like that and it's troubling. I just knew that what's what was going to happen."

Although *The Jungle South of the Mountain* is far from being autobiographical, Westoll did draw on the internal conflict between rationalism and spiritual faith he's experienced in his own career.

"When I left science, I left because I believed more strongly in the larger truths that literature provides," he says. "It's not that I don't believe the truths of science, I just didn't want to spend my life obsessing over data. I wanted to go in a different direction and use storytelling as a way of understanding the world around me."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



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In Italy, the tradition of aperitivo goes beyond a cocktail — it's a prized social routine. The concept is based around an alcoholic drink to encourage one's appetite, but it's really a platform for conversation and company. Marisa Huff takes a closer look in her new book *Aperitivo*. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Drinking it all in...



## Turin, where a movement was born

Turin was the birthplace of the modern Italian aperitivo after liquorist Antonio Benedetto Carpano debuted the fortified wine he called vermouth at his workshop in 1786. By the 1850s, most bars and restaurants in town employed a master drink maker.



## Dreams, with cheese please

Piedmont loves its cheese, with the small town of Bra hosting a four-day cheese festival every two years. The region's fresh raw-milk goat cheeses have an acidic flavour, so here they're served with pink peppercorns, olive oil and a dash of flaky sea salt.



## Tremendous tramezzini

The term "tramezzini" — soft, crustless sandwiches — was coined to replace "sandwich" when Mussolini outlawed the use of non-Italian words. Padua's Gran Caffè Diemme serves a shrimp tramezzini as well as a carbonara tramezzini, packed with hard-cooked eggs and grated cheese.



## For whom the Bellini tolls...

The Bellini — a swirl of sparkling wine and white peach puree — was made famous at Venice's Harry's Bar in the '30s. Now, many of Venice's bars insist on serving the drink only during the summer when white peaches are available.



## Keeping it all Rialto

No trip to Venice is complete without taking in the Rialto Market, a bustling seafood treasure trove that has been operating for seven centuries. If the seafood was snared locally, it'll be tagged "nostrano," the same goes for seasonal veggies.

### RECIPE

## Abs are sculpted by eating this slider

It's a common error in fitness to think that you can out-train a bad diet, but Kevin Curry knows better.

The Fit Men Cook blogger follows the "abs are made in the kitchen" mantra, and serves up his own refrain on his site, taking it one step further: "Our bodies are built in the kitchen and sculpted in the gym," he says.

Curry, who has recently appeared on NBC's Today Show and ABC's Live with Kelly, operates Fit Men Cook, a website, smartphone app and popular Instagram account aimed at healthy food ideas for gym rats (with content for men and women, despite the name).

He's also author of *No Cheats Needed* and the upcoming *FitMenCook Cookbook*.

The blog: FitMenCook.com website, social media accounts and smartphone app.

The recipe below skips the classic bread slider for two slices of eggplant, and puts a twist on the traditional chicken salad and opts for Greek yogurt.

If you prefer mushy eggplant grill it longer. This slider should be eaten with a knife and fork.

### Spicy Chicken Salad Grilled Eggplant Sliders

Makes 4 to 5 sliders.

#### Ingredients:

- 2 (430 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into pieces
- 1 tsp (5 mL) each garlic

powder and onion powder

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) non-fat Greek yogurt
- 60 g goat cheese
- 1/2 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each black pepper and cayenne pepper
- 1/2 red onion, diced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) paprika
- Mrs. Dash Southwest Chipotle blend seasoning
- Olive oil
- 1 large purple eggplant cut into one inch circles, about 8 to 10 slices
- Spinach or desired greens as garnish

#### Directions:

1. In a skillet on medium heat cook chicken breasts until flesh is white, about 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

2. In a food processor, blend chicken, garlic powder and onion powder.

3. In a bowl, combine blended chicken, non-fat Greek yogurt, cheese, red pepper, black pepper, cayenne pepper and onion. Add paprika and Mrs. Dash to taste.

4. Lightly spray a skillet with olive oil. Over medium high heat sear both sides of the eggplant slices, about 1 to 2 minutes per side.

5. Spoon chicken salad mix in equal portions onto half of eggplant slices. Garnish with leafy greens. Top with remaining eggplant slices.

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This slider replaces bread buns with eggplant.

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# He bid goodbye to the 'boob tube' era

## INTERVIEW

### Hill Street Blues creator Bochco reflects on over 50 years in TV

For viewers who rejoice in TV's artistic upsurge, one virtuoso perhaps more than anyone can be credited for elevating the medium from its bygone "boob tube" status.

Steven Bochco flinches at the mention of his half-century writing and producing TV. Could it really be that long? But his list of credits documents his legacy. Consider: the breakthrough hits L.A. Law and NYPD Blue, the pioneering half-hour dramedy Doogie Howser, MD and the groundbreaking legal drama Murder One, which, instead of a self-contained case every week, dared to delve into a complex single case throughout the season.

Yet for Bochco, the TV revolutionary, Hill Street Blues came first. And it pretty much changed everything.

In his self-published memoir Truth Is a Total Defence: My Fifty Years in Television (CreateSpace

Independent Publishing Platform; \$16.99), Bochco takes the reader through his prolific career, which he began at 22 as a story editor on a popular NBC drama, The Name of the Game, and continues today with his latest creation, Murder in the First, in its third season on TNT.

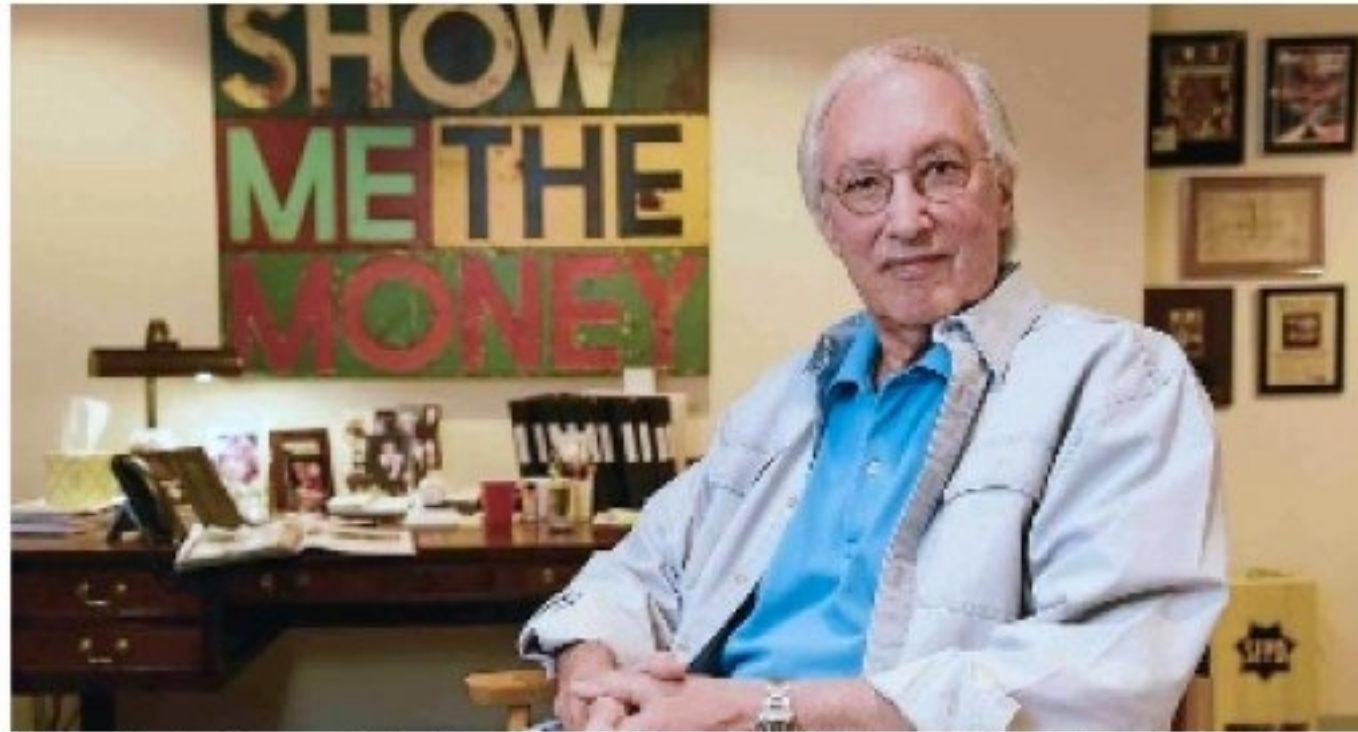
In his book, Bochco recalls his great collaborations and his battles royal with actors, studio heads and network execs. Along the way, he expounds on something even more important to him: How, at age 72, he's still alive.

"Everything is fine," he reports, and looks it, as he greets a reporter at his office in Santa Monica, California. He says he's coming up on two years since the bone-marrow transplant he underwent during his battle with leukemia.

"The thing I like most about the book was the juxtaposition of a career that had a pretty great arc to it with the fight for my life.

"Most of us live our lives being afraid of death, and when it was actually on my doorstep I was terrified," he says.

Bochco grew up in Manhattan, the son of a painter and a concert violinist. After a brief dalli-



Steven Bochco's memoir Truth Is a Total Defence: My Fifty Years in Television tells how he changed TV series production. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/AP

ance writing for the big screen, Bochco resolved to stick with television, despite what, then, was its second-class standing. Nowhere was the writer's vision more revered than at MTM Enterprises, a creative hotbed where he was invited to cook up a new kind of cop drama.

Teamed with Michael Kozoll ("I was never a one-man band," Bochco says of his career) he was

game for such an opportunity, with one proviso: He and Kozoll would have creative control over the script.

The pilot script they wrote, and the series that resulted, redefined TV drama. From The Sopranos to The Shield from Game of Thrones to Mad Men, the fruits of TV's latter-day Golden Age stem from Hill Street Blues. It had a sprawling universe of en-

gaging yet flawed characters, a zippy pace. But what really set the show apart were the multiple narratives that interlaced each episode with those that came before and after.

Bochco recalls a fan telling him that Hill Street Blues was the first TV series with a memory.

"That's what I always thought of myself doing in the context of TV: craft a show that over time



**The biggest lesson I learned very quickly was to embrace the uncertainty.**

Steven Bochco

would have a memory," he says. "I sensed that very early in my career. It just took me another 10 or 12 years to get to the point where I earned the right to take a shot at it."

Premiering in January 1981, Hill Street Blues challenged the meagre audience that sampled. Then, on a wave of critical acclaim, the series began to click, while scoring a historic 27 Emmy nominations its first year.

During its seven-season run, it would win 26 Emmys and launch Bochco on a course that has led to dozens of series and 10 Emmys and four Peabody awards.

"I had a 20-plus-year run where I was pretty much the captain of my own boat," he says, "and I loved it. But TV is a business where the goal posts keep moving." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

### Social media killed Larry Wilmore show

**THE SHOW:** The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore, Season 2, Episode 147  
**THE MOMENT:** The host's farewell

In the final minutes of his final show, host Larry Wilmore explains why the world map on his studio wall is upside-down. "Upside-down is just an opinion," he says.

"If you're floating in space, the Earth can take any orientation.

"But as a culture, we agree with the opinion that the world should be seen a certain way," he continues.

"So at The Nightly Show, our chief mission was to disagree with that premise, and to see the world in a way that might not make everyone comfortable, and to present a cast of people who don't always get to have a voice on that.

"On that front I believe we've been successful."

Neither Bruce Springsteen nor hordes of politicians sang out Wilmore, as they did Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert.

Given the speed of Wilmore's cancellation, it's amazing he had a finale, per-



**The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore wasn't killed by ratings, it was lack of social media engagement. But that's because Wilmore didn't do viral bits, he did discussions.** CONTRIBUTED

iod. (He was informed on Aug. 11 that his final show would be Aug. 18.)

Wilmore went out as he came in, attempting to engage the audience with an idea. It wasn't low ratings that killed him. It was, in network terms, lack of social media engagement — viral bits, a la Jimmy Fallon's lip-synching contests.

But Wilmore didn't do bits. He did discussions. Discussions about topics too nuanced and

troubling (systemic racism, gun violence) for 140 characters.

I wish Comedy Central had seen the value in — the acute need for — a show that offered that, social media be damned.

Instead we'll get more celebrities bumping each other in sumo suits. Sigh.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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# Can they say that on network TV?

## INTERVIEW

**It's the after-party conversations that reveal most about friends in their 20s**

**Melita Kuburas**  
Metro | Canada



As the saying goes, "write what you know" — and if that's true then a TV series about being drunk and high at 4 a.m. is right in Ira Parker's wheelhouse, he jokes.

Parker is the creator of *Four in the Morning*, a comedy launching Friday at 9 p.m. on CBC about a group of friends in their 20s who, after a night of partying, discuss oral sex, abortions, failed job searches and relationships. Speaking really fast, they proclaim love and confess betrayal of one another, sometimes in the same breath (there are 15 pages of dialogue in just the opening scene of the pilot, which takes place in a diner).

If it sounds like the show may push the limits of network TV, it probably will. This ain't no *Little Mosque on the Prairie*.

When Parker, who has roots in Toronto but now lives in L.A., first learned CBC was interested in the show, he says he was terrified they would want to censor it. But a meeting with reps indicated the network wouldn't tone down it down to the point of Pollyanna.

"My first question was — 'Do I have to take out all the "f—ks"? And they looked at me, and they were like, 'No, leave them in,' Parker tells Metro. "So I pushed it a little bit more: I was like, 'I have an idea for an episode where the characters do a sh—t-ton of blow. Can I do that?' And they were like, 'Yeah, as long as it makes sense for the story, go ahead.'"

*Four in the Morning* is not a show about debauchery, however. It's about those rare moments when the booze starts to wear off that might reveal more tender, sweet and sad aspects of young adulthood.



**Four in the Morning stars Daniel Maslany as Bondurant, Lola Tash as Mitzi, Mazin Elsadig as William and Michelle Mylett as Jamie. The diner scenes were filmed in Toronto's Patrician Grill on King Street East. CONTRIBUTED**



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**Over the course of the season, we're really gonna put these relationships through the ringer**

Ira Parker, about backstabbing and betrayal in *Four in the Morning*

"I wanted to jump in after the partying and recklessness," says Parker. "After you've been out all night, what is that walk home like? What is that hyper-emotional melodramatic evening like? When you say these things that you rarely have the competence or the courage to say during the more reasonable hours of the day."

For Daniel Maslany's character, a boisterous jazz musician named Bondurant, that after-party gusto translates into having the nerve to tell his best friend William (Mazin Elsadig) that he's in love with his girlfriend, and expecting William to help him figure out what to do.

"I think it really establishes his unapologetic way of saying what he

wants, what he feels, and how that matters," says Maslany, 27. "I think that's a big part of being in your 20s — figuring out, who am I socially? Who am I in my career? The show is about people making mistakes, and making an effort to find themselves."

While most of us would be slurring and stumbling while trying to fill our stomachs with something to soak up the alcohol, these characters sound intelligent and witty.

If that's unrealistic it's because they're unreliable

## FAMILY MATTERS

**Daniel Maslany on running lines with his famous sister**

Daniel Maslany's theatre and musical background came in useful in his portrayal of the exuberant character Bondurant. It also helped to run lines with his talented sister, Emmy-nominated Tatiana Maslany of *Orphan Black*.

"My fiancé's an actor too, so I'm surrounded by other actors that are very close to me in my life. It's important to have them on your side. Everybody was so supportive during that audition process, including my sister," Maslany, pictured below, says.

"It's been really exciting to see the journey she's on. Not only is she inspiring to me, but to actors everywhere because she's doing a role (in which) she's showing her diversity in the kinds of characters she can play."

"So it's always been inspiring to watch her work, even before *Orphan Black*."

narrators, made even more clear by moments of magical realism incorporated into the storyline. For instance, in the second episode the group parties with a couple of "day-kids," which are people who are born with a condition that ages them an entire lifetime overnight.

For Maslany, the fantastical elements show what it can feel like to be in those strange moments at 4 a.m., where anything feels possible.

"You're in this pocket of time that's not when most people are awake. It doesn't feel restricted by the same social parameters or things you should be doing," Maslany says.



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# Homework made easier

## SCHOOL DAYS

### Lego can help teach kids math and other tricks to aid learning

Astrid Van Den Broek

Here are some of the best resources to help your kids master their subjects this coming school year.

#### Math

"My son struggled hard with fractions," said Tom Koszycki, a dad of two. "I tried every analogy I could think of and he wasn't getting it. But as soon as I devised a method using Lego, it totally clicked." (Think a single Lego brick representing  $\frac{1}{4}$ , a square brick for  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and so forth.)

Over at the Alexander household, mom Jennifer loves Prodigy Math for her children. (prodigygame.com) "It's video-game based and it's done by grade level and follows the Ontario curriculum," she said. (Prodigy supports other curriculums as well.) "Khan Academy is also good for explaining everything from science to math problems, and it lays it out in a fun and simplistic manner," she added. (khanacademy.org)

We'd be remiss if we didn't mention coding, a hot educational trend that popping up in schools in subjects from math to art. "Websites such as code.org or creating with Scratch (scratch.mit.edu)," said Tina Zita, an instructional technology resource teacher. "There's



Watching science and art videos is one way to encourage class-related learning at home. ISTOCK

#### HOW MUCH HOMEWORK?

Here's what the Halton District School Board in Ontario, says parents can expect.

##### Grades 1 - 3

1 to 2 hours per week

##### Grades 4 - 6

2 to 3 hours per week (Par-

ents are encouraged to read with their children between 5 to 10 minutes nightly.)

##### Grades 7 - 8

3 to 5 hours per week

##### Grades 9 - 12

5 - 10 hours per week

#### Arts and Social Studies

Make sure to bookmark Google's Cultural Institute (google.com/culturalinstitute). "Google's put a lot of the artefacts from museums around the world online, so you can go walk around the MoMA or zoom in to see Van Gogh's Starry Night," said Zita. "It's a cool way to do that virtual trip without leaving your house."

#### French

Forget Google Translate ... many teachers prefer websites such as Word Reference (wordreference.com), if your child isn't sure they've spelled 'Heureuse' right. Also on the list to check tricky French grammar is Bon Patron (bonpatron.com).

also an app called Scratch Jr (scratchjr.org), which is popular."

#### Science

While Khan Academy's name comes up again (khanacademy.org/science), Zita has a site of her own that she likes to en-

courage teachers to use.

"I suggest 'The kid should see this' (thekidshouldseethis.com)," she said. "It's just a collection of really cool science and art videos that they've collected from around the globe, from funky light experiments to why does your body do this."

## Kids on what to expect the first day of school

### Starting kindergarten



"In kindergarten you don't actually have to do that much work: you get to play, you get to draw — kindergarten is just really fun."

— Hudson Dexter, 11



"Bring a teddy to hug on."

— Wilhelm Zimmer, 4



"If you're sad about leaving your mommy and daddy, I'd say, 'don't worry, at the end of the day you'll see them again, and if you're sad you can make new friends and they'll help you.'"

— Addyson van de Geyn, 7

### Starting middle school



"There's a lot more stress because the homework levels increase a lot — especially in Grade 8. So you should find something to do or an activity that helps de-stress you. For me, that was playing soccer or hanging out with my friends ... Also try and be involved in your school — you should join sports teams and things like that. You make new friends and become known around the school, so the teachers know you and like you."

— Sophia Pourmatin, 14

"Middle school has a lot more homework and responsibility because teachers will give you an assignment and they won't do anything else; they just expect you to do it and won't be on you to finish it. It's also a lot more freedom though. You don't get two recesses but you get to go off of school property sometimes."

— Annika Cudmore, 11

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# Hands-on with the latest computers

**Marc Saltzman**

Forget books, binders and backpacks — today's students also need access to three other Bs: broadband, blogs and Bluetooth.

Whether your kids are in grade school or off to college or university, a computer is still the one "must-have" device for work and play. But you might feel like you need an engineering degree to choose the best one that suits your needs and budget.

Whether you're looking for a laptop, desktop, tablet or hybrid 2-in-1 device, the following are some top picks per category, with prices ranging from \$169 to \$1,499.

## Laptop

• Thin is in, as seen with the mere 14-millimetre thick ASUS ZenBook UX306 (\$1,399), a premium Windows 10 PC that's light on weight but heavy on features. The 2.6-pound laptop is powered by a 6th-generation Intel Core processor,



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up to 16GB of RAM (system memory) and 512GB of SSD storage, plus the latest USB Type-C port. Perhaps most impressive about this 13.3-inch ZenBook is the battery, which lasts up to 12 hours between charges. ①

• Apple's deliciously thin but powerful MacBook Air (from \$1,099 for the 11-inch model, or from \$1,199 for the 13-inch) is even more desirable after a refresh. The laptop now boasts a faster Intel Core processor to handle memory-intensive tasks (or multiple tasks at once), plus there's support for faster Wi-Fi networks (802.11ac), a versatile Thunderbolt 2 port, and battery life that tops nine hours on the 11-inch model or up to 12 hours for the 13-inch model.

## Tablet

• From \$499, iPad Air 2 is Apple's flagship tablet that is 18 per cent thinner than its predecessor (only 6.1mm) and only 437 grams. Yet, its 9.7-inch Retina display is bright, colourful, and with high contrast for whiter whites and deeper blacks. Running on the iOS 9 operating system, with support for well over a million apps, many students rely on the iPad for both work and play. ②



• The first tablet with laptop-like performance has arrived. Microsoft's Surface Pro 4 (from \$999, plus students get a 10 per cent discount) gives you a full Windows 10 Pro experience; PC-like ports, such as USB, microSD and DisplayPort; a Surface Pen stylus for writing or drawing on the screen, and a powerful 6th generation Intel Core processor. After you've typed up some work on one of the magnetic Type Cover screen covers — with its integrated keyboard and trackpad (sold separately) — you can detach the 12.3-inch HD screen and put your feet up to flick through some ebooks, games, movies, songs or photos. ③

• If you're shopping for younger kids — perhaps those in preschool up to Grade 6 — the portable and affordable LeapFrog Epic (\$169.99) is a 7-inch Android-based tablet with a number of exclusive features: a first-of-its-kind playable home screen with daily surprises to tap on; a safe LeapSearch web browser with specially curated content; pre-loaded educator-approved apps (20 games, activities and ebooks); and access to the LeapFrog Store for more downloadable apps.



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## 2-in-1

• If you can't decide between a laptop and a tablet, the Lenovo Yoga 710 (from \$1,099) is a best-of-both-worlds device as its 14-inch "edgeless" and full HD screen is on a 360-degree hinge, allowing you to bend it back so it trans-



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forms from a laptop into a tablet, and back again. It works in two other modes, too: Stand, which has the screen propped up with the keyboard facing down, and Tent, which is ideal for small desks and tables. The durable aluminum PC weighs 3.42 pounds, while under the hood there's an Intel Core processor, up to 8GB of memory and 512GB of SSD storage.

• The more affordable Dell Inspiron 13 5000 Series (from \$649) is also a "convertible" style 2-in-1 — opposed to a "detachable", which lets you remove the screen altogether. This 13-inch Windows 10-powered PC is small and light enough to toss into a backpack or large purse, with battery life of up to nine hours between charges. ④

## Desktop

• If a stationary desktop is more your thing, the space-saving HP Pavilion 27 All-in-One (from \$1,499) is a great-looking touchscreen



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with the computer built in behind the display — therefore no separate tower is needed.

Designed to be the centerpiece of the home or dorm room, this 27-inch PC is ideal for multitasking as you can have multiple apps open at the same time, such as a Word doc, web browser, calculator, messaging platform, and music player (with front-firing Bang & Olufsen speakers, no less). Under the hood, this HP Pavilion rocks an Intel processor, with up to 12GB of RAM, and multiple storage options. ⑤

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## Free apps make the grade

You don't need to be an A-student to appreciate the thousands of educational apps available for smartphones, tablets and other digital devices — and covering a wide range of subjects, including math, English, science, and social studies.

Best of all, many are free. While some apps focus solely on a specific subject, many other apps are more generic, including ones for note taking, ideation, or time and money management. If you don't know where to start, consider the following high school or post secondary apps.

### Dictionary.com

Dictionary & Thesaurus (iOS, Android) is a comprehensive and easy-to-use reference app. Whether it's in the classroom or while doing homework, this freebie even works when there's no Internet connection available. Access more than two million definitions, synonyms and antonyms, including word origins and history, word of the day picks, and more.

### Duolingo

Need some help with your language studies? A "must have" app is Duolingo, a free download (iOS, Android, Windows) that



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makes it fun to tackle French, Spanish, German, Italian, English, and many other languages. With bite-sized lessons, you'll start off matching words with pictures, hearing what they sound like and saying words into your phone or tablet.

### Google Earth

If it's been a while since you booted it up, be prepared to be blown away with the incredible size, scope and graphics of Google Earth (iOS, Android), a virtual rendering of the entire planet — including the ability to zoom in down to street level using 3D satellite imagery.

### Evernote

The free Evernote is a handy app for typing notes, sketching diagrams, copying websites, pasting photos and recording audio. All notes automatically sync to

the web and/or desktop versions of Evernote, so it's easy to access your information anywhere.

### Mint

University-bound students on a budget should consider the Mint app (all major platforms) as it helps you set budgets,

track expenses, and reach financial goals. This handy money management tool for smartphone, tablet and laptop users lets you see what you're spending (and saving) through colour-coded lists and graphs, plus you can track your bank account and credit card balances in real-time, follow investments and even break out your expenditures by category and receive alerts you when you've exceeded your budget.

### Khan Academy

The recently-updated Khan Academy (iOS, Android, Windows) allows you to learn almost anything by tapping and watching the library of more than 10,000 videos. This smart resource covers a massive number of topics, ranging from math and science to humanities and astronomy to finance and history. **MARC SALTZMAN**



# A happy summer send off with new school supplies

## STUDENT STANDARDS

### Get kids back in the zone with back-to-school must-haves

Tanya Enberg

Hot summer days are coming to an end and back-to-school is on the horizon. Give kids a happy send off with this bright selection of school supplies. From fun and sweet to serious must-have desk-side essentials, with the right gear in tow, students will be raring to go.



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## Vintage labels add touch of cozy

### DIY If you can use a printer you can make these

A can of spray paint and some colourful vintage labels turn food tins bound for the bin into playful centerpieces perfect for your next outdoor party. Inspired by the vintage tins found at antique markets, we turned cans of tomatoes into vibrant upcycled vases. Just add fresh flowers, a potted plant or herbs to create eclectic containers that look great on a summer or early autumn table.

#### TRY IT Step 1: Gather Supplies

- You'll need:
- Tin cans
  - Computer & printer
  - White printer paper
  - Scissors
  - Mod Podge
  - Print outs of vintage labels (we'll show you where to get those in Step 2)
  - Spray paint

#### Step 2: Source, print and cut out vintage can labels

Printable vintage can labels can be found online.

The Boston Public Library has shared their collection of vintage tin label art, which can be downloaded and printed.

We also found some great labels on the farmhouse inspired blog Knick of Time Measure the cans and, if necessary, re-size the labels to fit before printing. Just use your computer to adjust the size of the labels and print them out at home.

#### Step 3: Prep the tins for painting

Remove the original paper labels from the tins. Wash the tins, removing any adhesive. Let dry.

#### Step 4: Paint the tin cans

In a well-ventilated area, ideally outdoors, prepare an area to spray paint the cans. Protect surfaces from paint with newspaper or plastic sheets.

Follow paint manufacturer directions for applying spray paint and drying times. It's best to apply multiple light coats of paint rather than one thick coat.

**MOD PODGE**  
Mod Podge is a staple material for all kinds of crafters. It's an acid-free kind of glue that comes in a variety of finishes (even glow-in-the-dark).



Spray paint and some vintage-looking labels can turn any food tin into a vibrant upcycled vase. DEBRA NORTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

#### Step 5: Attach the labels to the can

Apply a thin layer of Mod Podge to the back of the label

and press the label into place, on the can. Let the Mod Podge dry for approximately 15 minutes. Apply a top coat of Mod

Podge to the label. This seals and protects the labels. If you plan on leaving the cans outdoors for any length of time,

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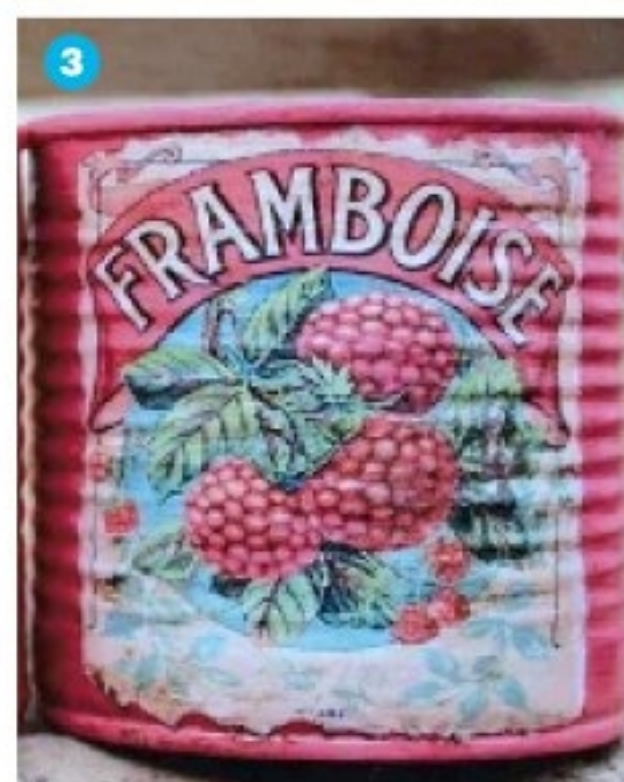


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# Roses are the perfect summer refresh

## GARDENING

### Follow these pro tips to get that second season bloom

**Mark Cullen**  
Torstar News Service

It is a new world in the rose garden. Much like social media changed the way we communicate, new rose varieties are changing the ways we use and appreciate them.

A browse through a current gardening catalogue reveals no less than eight categories of roses, eight branded sub-categories, 19 new varieties for this season and 140 varieties in total. This is just one Canadian nursery; there are others that provide different offerings.

Why do I raise this now, in August? The answer: there's a second season of rose blossoms just around the corner. Try not to miss it.

Roses generally bloom best in June and early July. Then as even-

ing temperatures start to drop and days become shorter, the second bloom is triggered and rose bushes put on a great show in September and October. Often, these blooms last longer than the spring editions for exactly the same reasons that make them bloom a second time: shorter days and cooler evenings.

#### Your vision

Planting roses can enhance an area in your yard several ways. Some, such as David Austin roses, are known best for their fragrance. The new Pavement roses are considered some of the best living ground covers, growing to no more than 90 centimetres high, hugging the ground in colour and foliage. Roses for cutting are generally found in the hybrid tea section of the garden centre. A hedge or screen of thorny roses can best be achieved using winter-hardy shrub roses.

#### Work or no work

One of the biggest improvements in new rose introductions this generation is disease resistance. Once famous for the work required to keep them looking



At this mid-summer stage it's time to hit the "refresh" button on your garden scheme and consider planting roses. iStock

good, many new rose varieties do not need spraying (or dusting) or any special protection over the winter.

Shrub roses are winter hardy. Look for Ottawa Explorer shrub roses, such as Champlain, John Cabot, and George Vancouver. Why not plant a "Canada 150"

anniversary rose garden? Plant it now and it will look fabulous next spring! The new Knock Out series of roses is a great example of how vastly improved the garden performance is with roses.

#### Your yard as a canvas

If you imagine your garden as a

blank canvas, roses can fit the bill where many other shrubs and perennials fall short. A mass planting of the shrub roses Bonica or Oso Easy can produce a one-two punch of colour that is unsurpassed in the garden. When you see gas stations planting masses of roses together you can



**Rose bushes put on a great show in September and October.**

be sure they are low maintenance and great garden performers.

#### Sun

One essential ingredient in the "rose growing" recipe is sunshine. Lots of it: a minimum of six hours a day. Or forget it.

#### Canadian grown

Roses provide an excellent example of why it is a good idea to buy locally. The roses tagged with "grown in Canada" have already experienced two Canadian winters. They thrived on the farm in an open field, with wind, long summer days and Canadian soil conditions. A Canadian-grown rose performs as it should and meets the expectations of experienced gardeners.

Mark Cullen is an expert gardener, Order of Canada recipient, author and broadcaster.

## SMALL SPACES

# New Ikea catalogue embraces our modern lifestyle

**Zoe McKnight**  
Torstar News Service

For many, braving the crowds at Ikea for off-to-college or back-to-school shopping is an end-of-summer routine.

That makes August one of the Swedish home retailer's busiest months. It also marks the launch of the annual, much-anticipated catalogue.

This year's shopping guide reflects the findings of a recent survey conducted by Ikea:

people are living in spaces and under arrangements very different from four decades ago when Ikea launched in Canada.

The company's latest Life at Home Report — a survey of 12,000 people in 12 cities around the world, including Toronto — acknowledges the social changes that have altered the way homes are arranged: the growth of single-person households, small spaces, shared or temporary accommodations, lack of housing, caring for elders at home and college grads moving back in.

"We're noticing a lot of open concept rooms in a home. It's often a shared space, with multiple generations doing different things," Frechette says.

Many of the catalogue's images reflect loft-style and condo living, with exposed bricks and pipes, bikes in the hallway and multiple roommates under one roof.

Families and friends eat at the coffee table or over the sink, kids play on bunk beds in the living room.

While the full Ikea kitchen is still a dream for many home-

owners, this year designers have come up with a kitchen that's portable for a more transient generation of renters with a "thin wallet and a small space." The guy in the photo has a man-bun, in case the millennial message wasn't clear.

Ikea spokeswoman Lucy Frechette said designers actually visited families in their homes for days at a time to observe routines and find out where frustrations lie — is it storage, counter space, privacy? — and then built products to make improvements.



Shared spaces are central to the new Ikea catalogue. SUPPLIED

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Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal say they plan to play doubles together when the Laver Cup debuts next year

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## Olympians back on the grind at Canadian Open

GOLF

### National women's championship follows Games

It's back to the real world for Brooke Henderson, Lydia Ko and a handful of other Olympians who have left Rio de Janeiro behind and are preparing for the Canadian Open.

Henderson, the 18-year-old from Smiths Falls, Ont., finished in a tie for seventh place at the Summer Olympics.

Her face is everywhere at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club near Calgary where the Canadian Open, the national women's golf championship, runs Thursday through Sunday. She's hoping for a better finish back home in Canada than she achieved at the Olympics, lamenting the two or three shots that cost her a medal.

But coming from Rio to Priddis, Alta., isn't a big deal.

"Rio was kind of just a sixth major on the LPGA Tour," said Henderson on Wednesday. "Of course there was lots of other things going on — possible

distractions and it was like the world's biggest stage for sport.

"It was cool, but the end of the day it was just four rounds of golf, regular stroke play individual that we do every single week, playing against the same players we play against every week so nothing that way was any different. Coming here's just another week on tour."

Ko finished with a silver medal for South Korea at the Olympics and is a three-time winner of the Canadian Open.

"I can remember back to a week ago when I was flying into Rio and I was excited

to prepare and everything and it was like there — and it was over," Ko said.

"It's definitely a quick turnaround but you know this is one of our best tour-

naments on our tour schedule so even the girls that were in Rio I think we're all excited to be here."

Ko, who is the reigning Canadian Open champion, says there are a few things she and her fellow Olympians are having to adapt to.

"Last week the course was a little bit like sand belt with a little bit of British flair. This is a bit more traditional ... it's

**\$2.25M**

The total purse for the tournament, which includes \$337,500 for the winner.



Lydia Ko hits a tee shot during the pro-am at the Canadian Open tournament in Priddis, Alta., Wednesday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

firm and fast. Last week we were wearing shorts — this week we're wearing sweaters," she said.

"It's different but I think we're all getting used to it."

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**We're going to have 30 countries in the field at the CP Open ... so we're going to put on another version of the Olympics this week.** LPGA commissioner Michael Whan

### IN BRIEF

#### Bouwmeester replaces Keith on Canadian roster

Canada selected Jay Bouwmeester to replace Duncan Keith on its roster for the World Cup of Hockey.

Keith is still rehabbing a right knee injury he suffered last season, the Chicago Blackhawks said. The two-time Norris Trophy winner as the NHL's top defenceman had surgery to repair a torn meniscus in October.

Bouwmeester rejoins Canada after winning gold at the 2014 Olympics.

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#### Coyotes hire female coach

The Arizona Coyotes have hired Dawn Braid as skating coach and say she is believed to be the first full-time female coach in NHL history.

Braid has a long association with the NHL. She worked part-time for the Coyotes last year and has served as a skating consultant with the Toronto Maple Leafs, Anaheim Ducks, Buffalo Sabres and Calgary Flames.

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#### U.S. swimmer comes clean about gas station story

U.S. swimmer James Feigen apologized for the "serious distraction" he and three teammates caused at a gas station during the Rio Olympics, saying he omitted facts in his statement to police.

While Feigen admitted "we urinated behind the building and that Ryan Lochte pulled a poster off the wall," he maintains the group didn't force their way into a bathroom and a gun was pointed at them.

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#### Kaepernick expected to make pre-season debut

Colin Kaepernick is on track to make his first appearance of the pre-season for San Francisco on Friday night against Green Bay after his tired shoulder made it through a full week of practice.

Coach Chip Kelly said Kaepernick looked good in practice this week and is expected to play barring any setbacks before the game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Mathieu Charlebois of the Halifax Mooseheads keeps the puck away from Drake Batherson of the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on Wednesday night. T.J. COLELLO/TC MEDIA

PRE-SEASON

## Mooseheads shut out in opener



The Herd didn't score a single goal in its first pre-season game Wednesday night.

The Halifax Mooseheads dropped a 4-0 decision to the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on the road, despite notching 34 shots on net.

Rookie goaltender Alexis Gravel played all three periods and made 16 saves for Halifax, according to the Mooseheads website.

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For the Screaming Eagles, netminder Kevin Mandoles stopped all 24 shots he faced, with Colton Ellis taking over and making 10 saves.

Logan O'Neil scored twice, Vasily Glotov notched a goal and added an assist, Yannik Bertrand had a single and Anthony Beauchamp snagged two

helpers for Cape Breton.

The Halifax Mooseheads face off again this weekend for two more pre-season games as they travel to Alexandria, P.E.I. to take on the Charlottetown Islanders on Saturday afternoon before hosting them at the Halifax Forum on Sunday afternoon.

Tickets to Sunday's pre-season home game are \$5 for children 12 years old and under and \$10 for adults. They can be purchased at the Ticket Atlantic Box Office at Scotiabank Centre, by visiting [www.TicketAtlantic.com](http://www.TicketAtlantic.com) or by calling 902-451-1221.



## RECIPE White Fish and Pea Chowder



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

Make this ultra creamy version of a chowder. If you sub the season's corn for peas, brilliant!

### Ready in 30 minutes

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Serves 4

### Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup diced pancetta
- 2 1/2 cups mini white potatoes, quartered
- 1 cup stock
- 3 cups milk
- 1 cup peas
- 250 g skinless, boneless white fish, chopped into chunks
- 2 Tbsp fresh chopped dill salt and pepper

### Directions

**1.** Heat the oil in a large saucepan, tip in the onions and pancetta and cook until onions are softened and pancetta is browned, about 5 minutes. Add the potatoes and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Pour in stock, cover and simmer for 12-15 mins or until the potatoes are tender. With a slotted spoon, remove half the potatoes from the stock and set aside.

**2.** Transfer the remaining potatoes, stock into a blender or food processor, add the milk and whizz until smooth. Pour back into the pan, add the peas, fish and reserved potatoes. Cover and gently heat for 3-4 mins until the fish is just cooked through - don't boil. Stir in dill then season to taste.

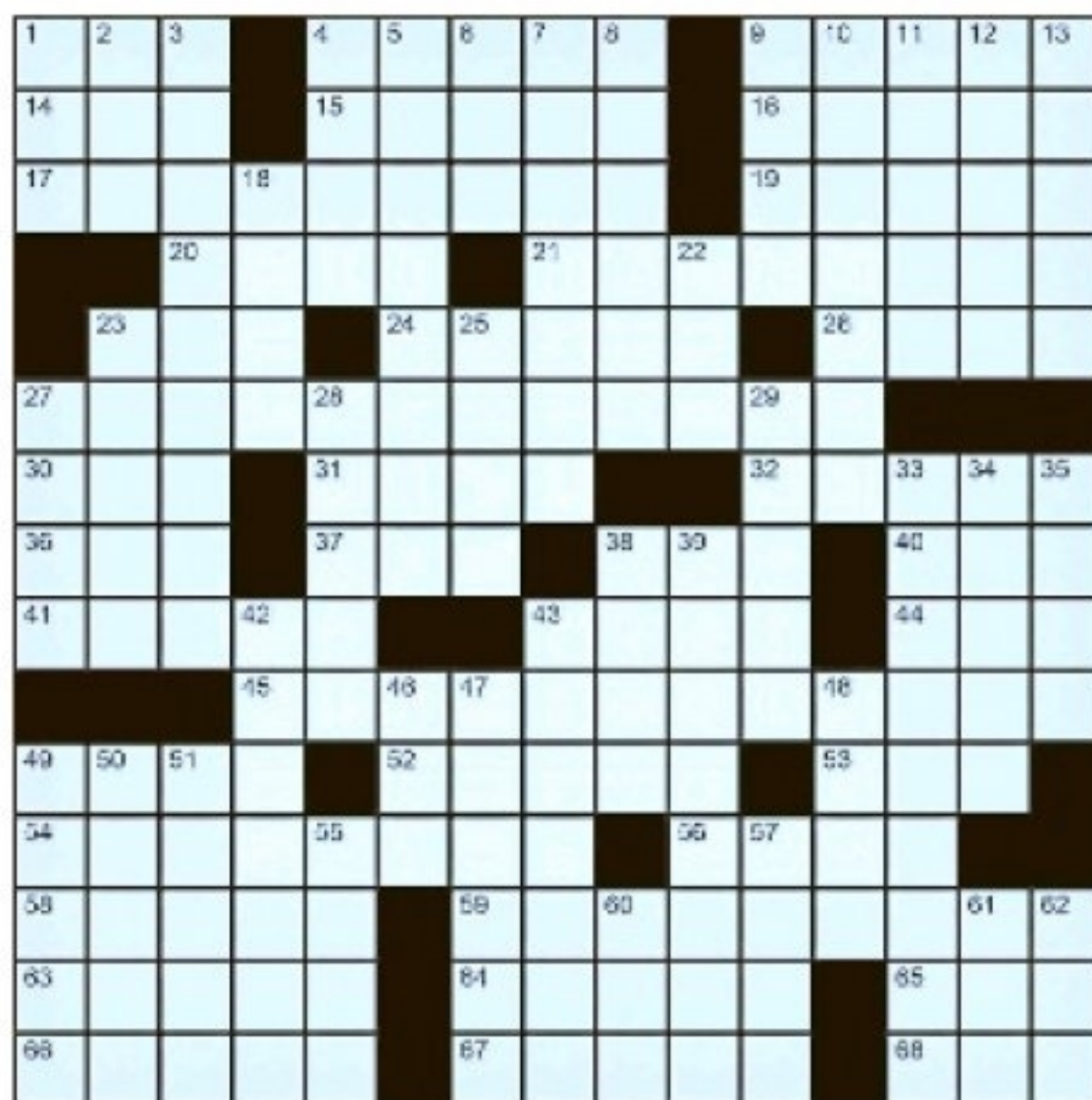
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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### ACROSS

1. Toronto mayor Mr. Lastman from 1998 to 2003
4. "Is that such \_ idea?"
9. Michael \_ Coal Miner's Daughter (1980) director
14. Latin roe
15. 'Mono' add-on (Auditioner's delivery)
16. Canadian TV channel
17. August 25th to August 28th, 2016... Nautique WWA \_ World Championships, at the Canadian National Exhibition, in Toronto
19. Like fish fillet
20. "Blimey!"
21. Nose ornamentation
23. You-know- \_
24. "Coffee, \_ milk?"
26. Mr. Donovan
27. Canadian donuts chain established in 1963: 2 wds.
30. YYZ post-ing, wee-ly
31. River inlets
32. Paris: \_ Triomphe
36. Kate's leading man in 1997
37. Pre-lunch hrs.
38. Dubliner's dance
40. Vienna's land, IOC-style
41. k.d.s kin
43. Parched
44. Commerce deg.
45. Capital + Terr.: 2 wds.
49. Like Fred-dy's tree



52. '70s idol Mr. Cassidy
53. Mr. Levin
54. Paul Anka, in the 1950s: 2 wds.
56. Bash
58. Job filler
59. Kate of Charlie's Angels...when addressed formally: 2 wds.

63. Upper crust
64. \_-\_-surface missile
65. Tarzan and \_ Mate (1934)
66. Lattice-work strips
67. Sprinkle
68. Archery tree

### DOWN

1. \_ the lawn
2. Ms. Gabor
3. Body of water on which Samia sits: 2 wds.
4. Jessica \_
5. Furniture feature: 2 wds.
6. Lettered gro-

- very chain
7. Exceed
8. Ren's insult to Stimpy, "You \_!"
9. Shortened word
10. \_ & Gamble
11. Alias for Patty Hearst in the SLA
12. Happening
13. Big name in

- trucks
18. Dr. \_ Spengler, Ghostbusters (1984) role
22. 'Brew' suffix
23. Accessorized the suit, \_ tie
25. Young hawk
27. Ring up
28. Garbage
29. Tavern beverage
33. Unappreciative of paparazzi
34. Nickname of Dick Cheney's President
35. Coup d' \_
38. Chariot-driving biblical King of Israel
39. Buckingham Palace lays behind this type of entrance: 2 wds.
42. Ms. Paltrow
43. Closes the container: 2 wds.
46. Q. \_ ' \_ the fourth letter?" A. "Indeed."
47. St. \_ Ontario
48. Posh fabric
49. Barrymore or Merman
50. Priestess in Georges Bizet opera The Pearl Fishers
51. Warrant
55. Wraths
57. "Don't have \_ man!" - Bart Simpson
60. Mr. Tolkien
61. Goose: French
62. Sydney is the cap. of what Australian state?

## \* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Steer clear of controversial issues like politics, religion and racial matters, because there is too much confusion today. Even when it comes to travel plans, you might be indecisive.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
This is a poor day to make important decisions about inheritances and shared property. An element of confusion, even deceit, is present. Plus you might not be strong enough to defend your own best interests.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
It's hard to stand up to others today, even to defend yourself. Fortunately, other people may have the same difficulty! It's definitely a wishy-washy day.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Your efforts to get things done at work will be challenged by confusion regarding travel, foreign countries and the timing of when things should be done. Good luck!

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Be careful with social plans or plans regarding vacations. Leave yourself a loophole in case you have to change things. Similarly, choose less-ambitious projects when dealing with children.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Postpone important decisions about family or real estate situations, because there is too much confusion today. People are indecisive. It's hard to know what to do.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Today is one of those days where you're not sure when or how to act. That's why it might be best to just do nothing. Easy does it.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Be careful with financial arrangements and how you handle your money today. Assume nothing. Take nothing for granted. Guard your possessions.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You might feel tired today. This is not a good day to tax yourself or to push your energy too far. Just take care of smaller matters.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Secrets might come out today. Or perhaps you are involved with secret activities. Be careful and commit to nothing, to be on the safe side.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Your efforts to lead others today might be impeded by something. Don't expect too much from anyone (including yourself). Go slowly.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Check things out, especially instructions from bosses and authority figures, before you act today. It's all too easy to go off in a wrong direction. If you are smart, you can save wasted effort and possible mistakes.

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